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Source: CNMI Department of Public Health, World Health Organization

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Govt to sue dialysis bldg. designers

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, left, and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos confer with each other during yesterday's news briefing, which covered a host of issues.

NMI submerged lands bill OK'd for US House vote

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Sablan

The U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources on Wednesday voted unanimously to send Delegate Gregorio "Kilili" C. Sablan's CNMI submerged lands bill to the full House of Representatives for approval.

H.R. 934, the first legislation introduced by Sablan,

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'Aggreko's contract will not be renewed'

Budget, WGA meet, Guantanamo in news briefing

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With Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Tony Muña and CUC deputy director Wallon Young backing him, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial yesterday said Aggreko International's contract will not be renewed.

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Plane makes emergency landing in Guam

SYDNEY (AP)—A Jetstar flight from Japan to Australia was forced to make an emergency landing in Guam yesterday after a small fire broke out in the cockpit due to an electrical problem, the airline said. There were no injuries.

The Airbus 330-200 was about four hours into its flight from Osaka to Australia's Gold Coast when the pilots noticed a small flame and smoke in the cockpit near the window, spokesman Simon Westaway said. A pilot used a fire extinguisher to put out the fire, which

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A JetStar A330 Airbus is parked at A.B. Won Pat Guam International Airport on Thursday, June 11, 2009. The plane made an emergency landing on Guam around 2 a.m. with more than 200 people on board. The aircraft was enroute from Osaka, Japan to Coolangatta, Australia. AP

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Fitial wants DEA agent replaced as a pre-condition

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial yesterday said the only way he would allow local police and customs officers to be reinstated to the Joint CNMI-U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force is when the agent in charge of the intensive body searches on passengers of an inaugural Shanghai Airlines flight in October 2008 is replaced.

But the governor said then DEA's Tony Williams told him that it "will take time" to replace Tony Marquez, resident agent in charge for the DEA in Guam and the CNMI.

Marquez could not be reached for comment yesterday. A call to his office in Guam said he's in a meeting.

Fitial pulled out police and customs officers from the task force after local companies protested DEA's actions that subjected passengers of a Shanghai Airlines flight to intensive body searches in October. He said he was very disappointed about the incident.

"I pledged my support to provide manpower to their task force, but I made one condition. The local task force members will be brought back to the task force, provided that the guy who I felt was responsible for what happened, Marques from Guam, will be replaced," Fitial said.

The governor said he is firm in this.

"He [Williams] said it's going to take time to replace someone in the force. I guess they don't have the money, I don't know the reason at the time… But I made my condition very clear… This guy [Marquez] became very political after what happened. … [He] came out on TV, justifying his stupidity," said Fitial.

In a news briefing yesterday, Fitial said after an investigation into the airport search concluded, he was told by Williams that the incident "will never be repeated."

The governor said he has instructed local enforcement officers to be vigilant and to enforce local anti-drug laws.

"It's not the best but I will not compromise what I believe to be right for something that the task force did wrong," he added.

DEA senior special agent Daniel Holcomb of the Saipan Post yesterday confirmed that local enforcement officers are still not back with the task force. He then referred further inquiries to Marquez's office in Guam.

Since the pullout of local officers, the task force has had only two members: Holcomb and senior special agent Michael Byerley.

In February, Holcomb told a Saipan Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting that DEA wants local enforcement officers reinstated to the joint CNMI-DEA Task Force to deal with the problem of methamphetamine or "ice" trafficking in the Commonwealth.

Pacific conference of nurses starts Monday at the Hyatt

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Nursing leaders in the region will be gathering on Saipan to discuss pressing issues confronting their profession and to share knowledge and experiences during a five-day lecture and seminar next week.

Between 100 and 150 delegates from the Pacific Rim, including Hawaii and Japan, are expected to arrive this weekend in time for the 31st Conference of the American Pacific Nursing Leaders Council, slated June 15-19 at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

The conference is hosted in each Pacific jurisdiction every 10 years and the CNMI is hosting the 2009 event with the theme "Nurses Empowering Lives."

Participants will come from American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia (Ponpei, Chuuk, Kosrae, and Yap), Guam, Hawaii, Marshall Islands (Ebeye and Majuro), Palau and the CNMI.

The keynote speaker will be Roylinne Wada from the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The same theme was adopted for the 23rd Nurses' Week on June 14-20, with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial signing the proclamation in a simple ceremony yesterday.

The theme reflects the important, transformational role that nurses play in enabling their patients to live to their optimum capacity, whether it be assisting a wheelchair-bound patient reach his or her self-bathing goal or helping cancer patient live life to the fullest extent possible.

Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos was present to witness the occasion, and was glad that some of those present were the ones who took care of him when he was hospitalized.

Fitial informed the nurses that he has two sisters who are nurses.

Also in attendance were CNMI Nursing Association president Lee Q. Castro, association vice president Bertha Camacho, secretary Roca Sablan, treasurer Apeha mambusan, STD/HIV program manager John Moreno; nurses and midwives from CHC, operating room staff, OB/Gyne staff, and cancer screening staff.

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ON JUROR-WITNESS RELATIONSHIP ISSUE

Judge places prosecution's motion under advisement

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The federal court yesterday placed under advisement the U.S. government's motion to compel the lawyers of former Lt. Gov. Timothy P. Villagomez, James A. Santos, and Joaquina V. Santos to reveal the identity of those who disclosed the relationships between some witnesses and jurors in the Rydlyme case.

After listening to the arguments of prosecution and defense lawyers, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Alex R. Munson said he will issue a written decision on the motion.

At the start of the hearing, Munson stated that it appears to him that the motion can be taken very shortly.

Villagomez appeared in court with his lawyers, David J. Lujan and Leilani Lujan. James Santos was with lawyer Joaquin Torres. His original counsel, Victorino Torres, participated in the proceeding via telephone as he is off-island. Joaquina Santos appeared with counsel, Ramon Quichocho. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeff Strand argued for the U.S. government.

The defendants, through counsel, claimed that they received information that at least five jurors and one alternate juror were related to some government witnesses or a government investigator.

At the hearing Munson said the U.S. government had stated that Victorino Torres would reveal the source of the information only if under oath. Munson told Victorino Torres that there is no need for him to be under oath in making the disclosure.

Victorino Torres replied that he became aware of the juror-witness relationship issue only after the verdict came out. He stated he does not know the individual and didn't talk to that person.

Strand said the proceeding yesterday was only a preliminary matter for the June 25 motions hearing. He said it is important for the U.S. government to interview that person who made the disclosure.

The U.S. government's position is that if the defendants could have discovered the information earlier through the exercise of due diligence, the defendants will have waived their right to seek a new trial on these grounds.

"Compel disclosure so we can put proper inquiry," Strand said.

Lujan told the court of a gathering at the house of one of the children of former Lt. Gov. Pedro Tenorio after the guilty verdict came out. Lujan said people were talking about getting calls that some jurors are related to some government's witnesses. Lujan said he never received the calls and that he could not identify anyone who received the calls.

He said another lawyer made a suggestion that they need to hire a genealogist to ascertain the information. After an hour, Herman T. Guerrero came, Lujan said. The defendants then hired Guerrero to do a genealogical survey on the jurors.

Lujan said he was shocked upon learning about the juror-witness relationships.

Quichocho said the motion to compel is moot. He said Guerrero confirmed the relationship issue.

Answering Munson's questions, Quichocho admitted that one of the defendants paid Guerrero for the genealogical survey. Quichocho said the payment came from his office.

He noted that one of the jurors was excused after the defense learned during trial that she was related to a government witness.

Quichocho said the court dismissed the juror so the thing about not bringing the juror-witness relationship to the court's attention "is nonsense."

Strand told the court that since the defense opened up about the calls at the gathering, the prosecution should be allowed to check with the Tenorios about what transpired.

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THS fails to tell Fitial of leadership award

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Tinian High School decided to present a governor's leadership award to a senior student on Wednesday without informing Gov. Benigno R. Fitial prior to the graduation ceremony.

This added to the controversy at the school when the parents of six seniors expressed frustration with principal Florine Hofschneider for failing their children despite complying with two makeup projects at the last minute

This caused the issuance of diplomas to be postponed next week, although Tinian High School went ahead with a ceremony on Wednesday.

"They announced the governor's leadership award which I never knew about and then they called somebody up to present the governor's leadership award at a commencement exercise [Wednesday] night on Tinian," the governor said yesterday.

Fitial said this might have been an attempt to ruin his name on Tinian.

Press secretary Charles P. Reyes Jr. said it's a communication problem.

During the governor's news briefing, Education Commissioner Rita Sablan called to apologize on behalf of Tinian High School for not informing him ahead of time about the governor's leadership award.

Fitial said he checked his office staff, who informed him that they received a notice from Topnotch at around 4:30pm on Wednesday—shortly before the 5pm graduation—about the award. Topnotch is in the business of making trophies and plaques.

"I never knew anything about it until the mayor came this morning [Thursday] and said that's a very bad thing that they did to me. If I had known, I would have been there to present the award," he said.

Fitial presented a governor's leadership award at Mount Carmel School last week. He said he did so because he was informed beforehand about it by the school.

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did not spread to the cabin, he said.

The plane, which was carrying 190 passengers and 13 crew members, landed without incident at Guam International Airport. The passengers were expected to board another plane and finish their journey to Australia later Thursday.

David Epstein, general manager for Government and Corporate Affairs of Jetstar's parent Qantas Airways, said the electric connector of the heating element in the cockpit had malfunctioned, causing sparks and smoke but the situation was quickly brought under control.

The heating element is used to ensure that the cockpit windows don't fog up as the plane flies in cold air at high altitudes, he said.

Epstein said the incident does not raise any new safety concerns about the A330-220. He said such incidents were not uncommon, as it has happened before on one of Qantas Boeing 747 aircraft.

Last week, an Air France A330-200 crashed in the Atlantic Ocean, killing 228 people on board. Investigators are trying to determine the cause of that accident.

"The failure of the electrical connector has no bearing on our flight control system and it doesn't raise any new safety concern about the (A330-200) plane," Epstein said. The Jetstar plane in question had begun flying in 2007.

Qantas was sending engineers to Guam yesterday to inspect the plane, which is under quarantine there, and the Australian Transport Safety Bureau will lead an investigation into the cause of the fire, he said.

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June 13 is the deadline for the government to notify Aggreko whether or not its contract—which expires on Sept.12—will be terminated or extended.

CUC pays Aggreko over $500,000 a month for the rental of power generators while CUC repairs its engines.

Fitial said he is confident that CUC will have enough power generation after Aggreko's contract ends.

"We will be producing 55 megawatts [by September]. The peak [demand] is 40MW, so we have 15 MW extra, reserve," Fitial told reporters in a news briefing yesterday.

On May 31, the governor's latest emergency declaration of a state of disaster emergency for CUC said the decision to terminate the contract of Aggreko "is far from certain."

Yesterday, Muña and Young said CUC will be able to produce 55 MW and will have a reserve of 15 MW in September. By October, the capacity will be increased to 61 MW and CUC will have 22 MW of reserve capacity, they said.

CUC hired Aggreko last year to stem the rolling blackouts. Muña said Aggreko can be tapped again if something goes wrong after its contract with CUC ends.

Budget, Guantanamo, other issues

Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos, during yesterday's news briefing, said the administration's proposed $162.82 million budget for Fiscal Year 2010 is "balanced," contrary to what some lawmakers have been saying.

Of this amount, $150.5 million is for general government operations and the rest is earmarked for transfer to other funds and for debt service.

"If they don't think it's not balanced, balance it. When I was speaker of the Legislature, I never complained the way they do. I do what the Constitution provides for me to do. That is, dispose," he said.

Fitial is set to leave today for Utah to attend the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Western Governors' Association chaired by Utah Gov. Jon M. Huntsman Jr.

The governor said he will meet with Huntsman, who was recently appointed U.S. ambassador to China, to talk about the CNMI's request to include Chinese, as well as Russian tourists, in the joint Guam-CNMI visa waiver program.

He said he will discuss with Huntsman "the balancing act between China being an economic benefit" to the CNMI "and at the same time being construed by the U.S. as a national threat."

Expected at the meeting are 11 Western governors and three Western Canadian premiers and 500 attendees, including Obama Administration officials, other VIPs and industry and nongovernmental leaders from around the west, across the country and around the world, WGA said in its website.

When asked about his view on Palau's decision to temporarily resettle up to 17 Chinese Muslims now held at the Guantanamo Bay detention center in Cuba, Fitial said: "If all those Muslims are God loving and law abiding and not terrorist, I support [it]."

He also said a lot of people previously aligned with other political parties are now with the Covenant, including Ana Teregeyo and former Gov. Froilan Tenorio of the Democratic Party. He said the party has over 2,000 members, but he said this is an overly conservative estimate. There are over 13,000 registered voters in the CNMI.

After the briefing, Fitial had a meeting with a group of investors named Xanadu Club Inc. Fitial said this firm is involved in "all kinds of high-end business," but the company's chief operating officer, James Chao, said he will grant an interview later.

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conveys to the CNMI the submerged lands surrounding each of the Northern Mariana Islands out to 3 miles from the coastline.

If passed into law, the bill will give the CNMI the same benefits from its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands and American Samoa have.

In a statement at the committee's markup hearing, Sablan asked all committee members to support the purpose of the bill and the amendment in the nature of a substitute which fulfills that purpose in more simplified language than the original bill.

"I want to thank all the members who have co-sponsored H.R. 934, which gives the people of the Northern Mariana Islands the right and power to protect and to benefit from the submerged lands and natural resources in waters we have always believed are ours," said Sablan, who just returned to Washington, D.C. from Saipan.

The amendment also adds an assurance that H.R. 934 in no way affects the presidential proclamation of Jan. 6, 2009, which established the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument.

The Marianas Trench Marine National Monument is an area around the three northernmost islands in the CNMI: Uracas or Farallon de Pajaros, Maug and Asuncion.

The terms and conditions of this proclamation were negotiated by the Bush administration, CNMI Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, and groups representing business, environmental, and cultural interests.

"It would be inappropriate for this Congress to amend the product of their mutual agreement," Sablan added.

In 2005, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled that the CNMI does not own the submerged lands. The ruling angered many people in the Northern Marianas, who believed the court was wrong.

Sablan earlier said that correcting the submerged land problem is high on his agenda in Congress for the CNMI. On Feb. 10, he introduced H.R. 934, which moved quickly through the legislative process.

Both the chair of the U.S. House Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-Guam) and one of the panel's senior Republicans, Rep. Jeff Flake (R-Az), are original co-sponsors. Sablan's H.R. 934 now has 10 co-sponsors.

On March 4, the CNMI House of Representatives passed House Joint Resolution 16-24 supporting Sablan's H.R. 934.

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the government might also hire a private law firm to represent the government in the civil suit because the OAG is understaffed.

"We're stuck with this facility. It's not been utilized as intended for," he told reporters in a news briefing.

Of the $22 million project cost, Inos said at least $6 million was spent on architectural and engineering design contracts alone. The government looks to the recovery of at least the design costs.

"We're not firm yet on who will be the parties but we are seriously considering that option at this point," Inos said, pointing to design and technical problems.

The Department of Public Works, during the time of then governor Juan N. Babauta, awarded an architectural and engineering contract to Leo A. Daly Co. to design the dialysis building in October 2000.

In January 2004, a second architectural and engineering contract was awarded to Taniguchi Ruth Architects to re-design the expanded project.

As construction began, DPW encountered design problems that were not resolved by the initial design firm. DPW modified the Taniguchi contract to re-work portions of the design, resulting in project delays.

Acting Health Secretary Pete Untalan, in a phone interview last night, said Leo Daly and Taniguchi Ruth Architects were two of three design contractors. Inos could only recall Leo Daly during the news briefing.

"We're looking at it from a standpoint of a civil suit… to determine responsible parties and go after damages," Inos said.

Political football

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, who was the speaker of the House of Representatives when the project started design and construction, yesterday described the project as a "fiasco," and that it was a political football at the time.

"[It's] a fiasco because the initial design was completely changed after a new design firm was hired. Then a third designer came into play," he said.

The governor said the project was doomed from the start. He held an oversight hearing on the project when he was still the speaker.

"It was total disregard of legal authority to authorize the execution of contract against lack of funding. It's a project that started out with $5 million and [ended up costing] $22 million," he said.

Inos said they have not received any recent communication from the federal government, which provided some of the funding to build the dialysis project, about the recent issues that came up about the project.

In June 2007, the Office of the Inspection General of the U.S. Department of the Interior issued an evaluation report on the dialysis project.

One of the problems identified by the inspector general, said Inos, is that contractors substituted experts such as engineers assigned to the project without going through proper approval process.

Other issues

In June 2002, DPW also awarded a fixed-price construction contract for $5.6 million to AIC Marianas Inc. Project completion was scheduled for August 2004.

To help oversee the Project, DPW awarded contracts to N. Stanley Good, P.E. dba Azuma Limited and SSFM International Inc. for construction management services.

One of AIC Marianas's subcontractors, Saipan Ice, bought a reverse osmosis water system from Severn Trent.

Last week, Untalan said they discovered that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration certification of the water system was forged by an individual formerly connected with the U.S.-based Severn Trent.

House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) and Rep. Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan) said a formal legislative inquiry on the $22 million dialysis project will be held.

"The Legislature is within its powers to do oversight on this project," Inos added.

He also said the administration is concerned not just with the forged FDA certification "because even if it had been certified, we would not be able to use the facility because there are some technical problems associated with the construction so we visited that as well."

He said the government contracted a firm to correct the problems with the reverse osmosis system, adding that the water pipes, for example, may have already been compromised since it's been years since they were installed.

At this point, the government does not have enough funds to operate and maintain the dialysis building that's why the Department of Public Health has been asking private health providers to use the facility for it t become self sufficient.

DPH expects to open the dialysis center in August. Inos said the government expects the facility will be able to meet Medicare standards before the target opening date.

War vets' campfire to be filmed

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The planned campfire of visiting World War II veterans will be filmed and produced into a documentary as one of the highlights of this year's 65th commemoration of the Battle of Saipan.

Eight World War II veterans from the U.S. mainland will be joining three other local veterans for Sunday's commemoration ceremonies of the of the Battles of Saipan and Tinian, to be held at the Court of Honor inside the American Memorial Park.

The campfire, which will be held at the beach near the Pacific Islands Club on Monday, June 15, will give the veterans a chance to reminisce about their experiences during World War II.

Aside from the campfire, the other two main highlights of the event include a seminar on Sunday morning at the AMP Visitor's Center and the Court of Honor ceremony.

One of the main topics during the seminar will be the nuclear bombs that were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the role they played in ending the war.

Organizing committee chair Chuck Sayon said this year's event won't be a big affair compared to the 60th anniversary, when they prepared for two years and spent about $400,000.

"This time we only had to prepare for six months. We don't have enough money, not to mention the economic crisis we are in now," Sayon said.

In fact, Sayon said most of the money they will be using for this event will come from the money they saved during the 60th commemoration rites.

DPS to try digital driver's licenses—again

The Department of Public Safety is attempting again to issue digital driver's license.

DPS Communication and Technology Section officer-in-charge Sgt. James Deleon Guerrero said the driver's licenses will soon be fully automated.

"We're just waiting for the computers," Deleon Guerrero said.

Once the computers arrive, new driver's licenses will finally be digital.

Deleon Guerrero said some drivers already have digital driver's licenses, but computer problems prompted DPS to stop issuing them.

He said federal funding is available for the project.

DPS Bureau of Motor Vehicle first introduced digital driver's licenses in October 2002 as part of the department's automation project.

The new license is produced with computer technology that allows image to be captured digitally. The security features make the license nearly impossible to reproduce.

Deleon Guerrero is currently upgrading the records system in the department by replacing the old records management system. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Sablan

Today is last day of classes except...

In a message she issued yesterday, Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan said: "We would like to inform the parents that today, June 12, is the last instructional day for the CNMI Public School System except for Saipan Southern High School and Tanapag Elementary School, which will end classes on June 15. We wish everyone to have a safe summer and we would like to thank all the parents, teachers, and students for another successful school year for public schools. A new school year will open in September and we're looking forward to seeing all our kids in our schools."

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NMC lawyer reiterates denial of Torres' request

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The Northern Marianas College reiterated yesterday its denial of Rep. Stanley Torres' request for certain documents, claiming these records are exempt from the Open Government Act.

In a letter to Torres yesterday, NMC legal counsel Mark A. Scoggins once again nixed the lawmaker's appeal to be provided the records, saying the documents are confidential information about the college's personnel and are not covered under the OGA.

Citing a previous letter, Scoggins said the president of NMC had already informed the lawmaker that the college is denying the request for information.

NMC had cited the specific statutory exemptions that justify the denial and had also provided a brief explanation of how the exemption would apply to the information being asked for.

"We remind you again that the OGA does not require public agencies to create documents as you have requested," the lawyer said.

He said it is not NMC's policy to deny all requests for public information, as the lawmaker said in his first letter to the college.

"It is NMC's policy to follow all of the relevant provisions of the OGA as they apply to any given request. This the college has done," Scoggins told Torres.

The college's lawyer said Torres' request has personal information in files maintained for employees.

"You have requested personal information in files maintained for employees…other than names, present and past position titles, grades, salaries, and duty stations. These records would be exempt from public inspection and copying," he added.

Scoggins also reminded the lawmaker that records which invade the privacy of an individual or business entity are not "public records" as defined by the statute.

"It would not be possible to simply redact personal information from the type of document you have described. The existence of such a document would itself be personal information exempted from disclosure under the OGA, and disclosure of such information would also constitute an invasion of privacy," the lawyer explained.

Finally, he told Torres to reconsider the liability position in which the lawmaker might place public agencies by insisting on disclosure of confidential information and also by insisting that such agencies violate agreements.

Torres expressed disappointment yesterday with this turn of events, saying he remains dissatisfied with the reasons provided by the college for denying his request.

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The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported a 49-percent occupancy rate among its 13-member hotels for May 2009, an 8-percent decrease from May 2008.

In a statement issued yesterday, HANMI said that 41,968 of the 82,250 available room nights were sold in May, compared to 50,410 of 88,009 of available room nights sold over the same period last year. However, room rates rose slightly from $93.54 last year to $96.13 in May 2009.

"In the Japan market there have been tremendous cancellations of group and individual reservation from wholesalers and travel agents due to the H1N1 influenza," said HANMI vice chair Nick Nishikawa. "Also, the Korean market has not yet recovered from its stagnant economy."

So far this year, hotel occupancy is at an average 65 percent, the same rate over the same period last year.

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of the CNMI. ***(HANMI)***

Service members' overseas housing allowance set to rise

The Military Advisory Panel raised the CNMI service members' monthly overseas housing allowance from $231 to $410 at its meeting this week. The increase will begin on July 1.

CNMI Rep. Gregorio "Kilili" C. Sablan wrote to the panel advocating for the increase after visiting CNMI soldiers stationed in Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait last month. Soldiers told him of their concerns regarding financial pressures on their families back home.

"When troops who risk their lives on a daily basis are left feeling insecure about the conditions under which their families are living," Sablan wrote the panel, "we must all be concerned and respond with appropriate action."

The Overseas Housing Allowance compensates members for their housing and utilities expenses when their families live in rented housing. The allowance is based on a survey of service members about the cost of their rents and utilities.

While pleased with the increase, Sablan said he remains concerned about how the panel determines the amount of the allowance.

"I have asked the Pentagon for a full briefing on this issue so that I am assured the allowance is computed for families of soldiers from the Northern Marianas in a way that is completely fair."

Sablan also urged all soldiers in the Northern Mariana Islands to participate in the next survey, which is scheduled for the end of this year. ***(PR)***

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June 12, 2000

US owes CNMI over $100 million

The United States owes the CNMI government over $100 million in total funds for the reimbursement of the Compacts of Free Association's fiscal impacts to the local coffers from 1986 to 1999, official records obtained from Capitol Hill disclosed. A summary of the Compacts' estimated financial impacts indicated that the Commonwealth government coughs up an average of $15 million every year to subsidize various social services delivered to citizens of the three countries signatory to the agreement with the U.S. Between 1986 and 1998 alone, the CNMI Department of Commerce placed the estimated financial impact of the agreement between the U.S. and the Freely Associated States to be between $80 million and $108 million.

Bush presidency means better ties with CNMI

The chief of Republican candidate George W. Bush's presidential campaign for the Pacific islands stressed the importance of his victory in the November elections to improving strained relations between the federal government and the CNMI. T.E. Manase Mansur, liaison of the Bush for President committee for American Samoa, Guam and the CNMI, said the Texas governor has a track record of supporting local government. "Under a Bush presidency, you could be assured that there will be greater degree and mutual cooperation between the executive branch of the United States and the CNMI," he told reporters Saturday at the gathering of the local GOP at the Royal Taga Beach Club.

June 12, 2001

Telecom commissioners sworn into office

The newly-created Telecommunications Commission will meet with the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to discuss issues faced by telecom industry players in the Northern Marianas. CUC once handled telecommunications matters in the Commonwealth, until the Legislature cooked up the idea of establishing a panel especially tasked to look after the industry. Commission Chair Norman Tenorio said a meeting with CUC will be scheduled immediately after the board adopted the new panel's rules and regulations initially set for Monday next week.

MVA thumbs down longer Taste

The Marianas Visitors Authority thumbed down proposals that the annual Taste of Marianas be extended from its current month-long calendar into a two-month food festival. MVA Deputy Managing Director Vicky J. Benavente said extending the Taste of Marianas to two months would simply cost too much and dilute the attractiveness of the event. She said participating hotels and restaurants may not find an extended Taste of the Marianas financially viable because it might drain their manpower and resources. Benavente said making it a two-month long celebration may also mess up the calendar of tourists coming in to the CNMI exclusively to witness the summer event.

June 12, 2002

US visa holders don't need ATB

Labor and Immigration Secretary Joaquin A. Tenorio yesterday said U.S. visa holders, regardless of their nationality, may freely enter the Commonwealth without securing Authorization to Board letters or ATBs. Tenorio said the department has adopted an emergency regulation exempting U.S. visa holders from the requirement of securing ATBs, and that the visas would be honored even if the traveler did not have an ATB. "We included for free entry any national, any individual [who] carry a U.S. visa. They can enter the CNMI with just the visa and their passport," Tenorio said. "We will honor that now."

A spectacular show in the sky

Shortly after sunrise yesterday, the sun and the moon presented a spectacular sky show that awed hundreds of tourists and residents on Saipan and Tinian, and thousands more in Pacific countries from Indonesia to California. On Saipan and Tinian, the solar eclipse started its 8,700-mile journey across the Earth on a clear sky at 7:55am. With the sun still high in the sky, a dark moon shadow crept slowly upward, taking a small bite out of the glowing yellow orb about an hour and a half before sunset. Tourists rose from their beach chairs, restaurant employees abandoned their posts and beach vendors set down their wares as small crowds gathered on several sites on Saipan and Tinian to watch the partial solar eclipse.

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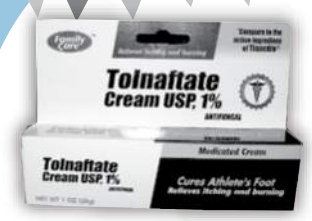

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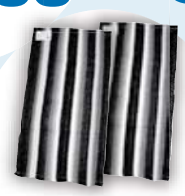

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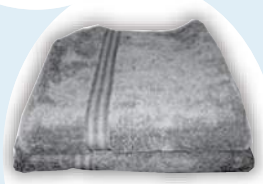

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Pawns of Pyongyang

The case of two American journalists convicted of illegally entering North Korea and of an additional unspecified "grave crime" shines a light on so many human rights abuses by the Pyongyang government that we hardly know where to begin.

First, there's the lack of due process afforded Euna Lee, 36, and Laura Ling, 32, who were reporting on human trafficking for San Francisco-based Current TV when they were arrested March 17 along North Korea's border with China. After three months of detention, they received a closed-door trial with a state-appointed lawyer in the country's highest court, leaving them no court of appeal. They were then given a draconian sentence of 12 years' hard labor for a crime that still has no name or public proof.

Surely it was not the regime's goal to draw international attention to its brutal labor and political "re-education" camps. But that would be the case if the sentence is carried out. Lee and Ling would enter an inhumane prison system that, according to human-rights activists, houses tens of thousands of convicts, many of them political prisoners considered hostile to leader Kim Jong Il's communist regime. Prisoners typically are put to work in mines or factories for 10 hours a day, seven days a week, with minimal food and sleep, poor hygiene and insufficient medical care. Beatings are commonplace, and many prisoners do not survive.

We don't know why the government wants to hold Lee and Ling. It may simply be to discourage other journalists from investigating the embarrassing issues of impoverished refugees, human trafficking and official corruption. Yet the timing of the sentencing hints at political motives. The so-called hermit kingdom is beginning a process of political succession following Kim's recent stroke, and the U.N. Security Council is seeking to punish North Korea with tough sanctions for its May 25 nuclear test. The United States has threatened to interdict North Korean air and sea shipments. Using these women as bargaining chips to extract political concessions would be criminal, but increasingly that seems to be what North Korea intends to do. The U.S. should do everything in its power to keep the issues separate.

Logic would suggest that the Pyongyang government will not subject these journalists to the same abuses North Korean prisoners suffer if they are to be traded one day and might talk about what they saw. But then, logic as we know it does not always prevail in North Korea. We urge the Obama administration to work quickly, ideally with the help of North Korea's main trading partner, China, for a diplomatic solution to free Lee and Ling.

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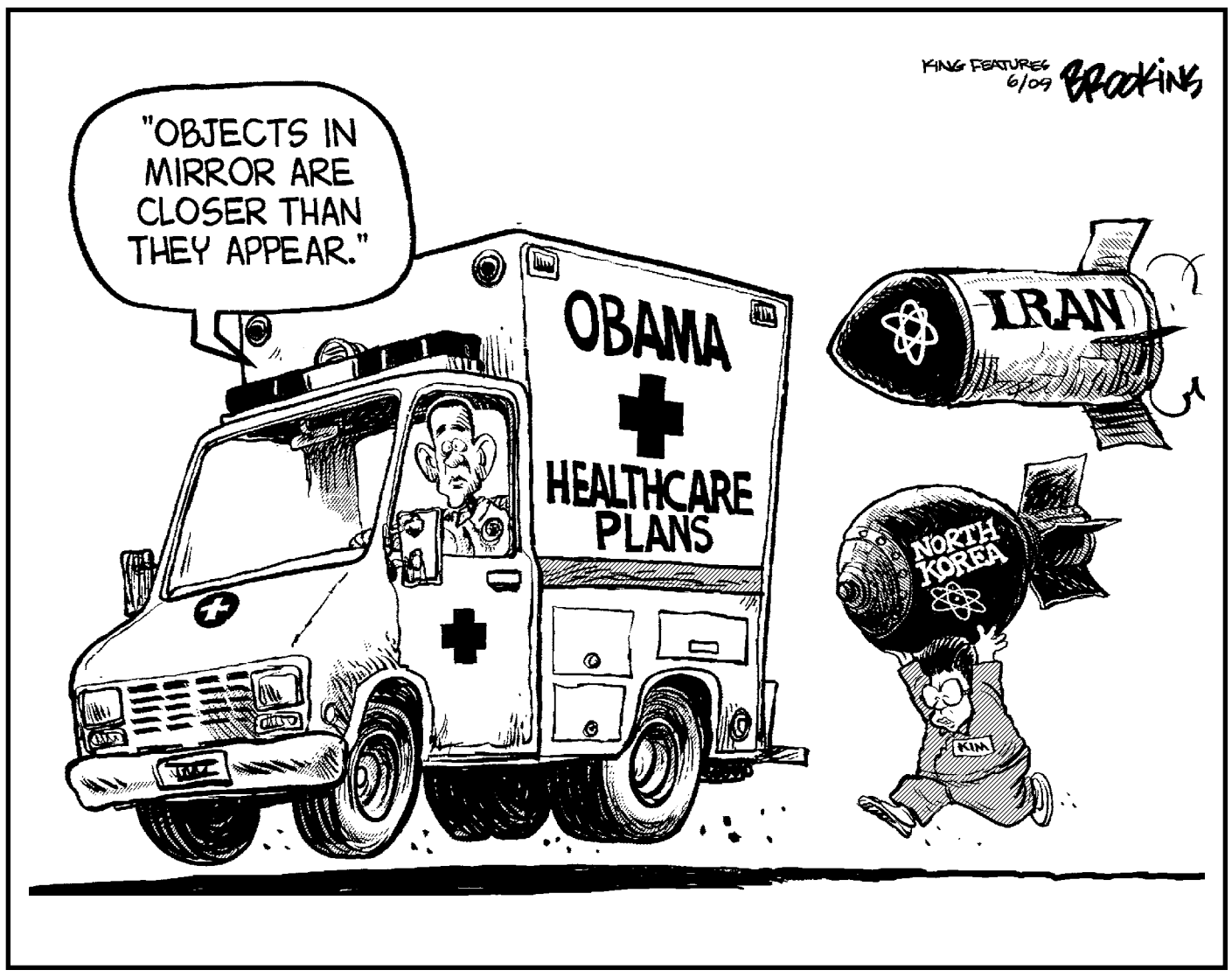

Patients gone wild and healthcare reform

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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I recently had the opportunity to read President Barak Obama's letter on healthcare reform, dated June 3, 2009. There is one paragraph in particular that jumped out at me, because it seeks to identify the "root cause" of rising healthcare costs. Here it is:

"At this historic juncture, we share the goal of quality, affordable healthcare for all Americans. But I want to stress that reform cannot mean focusing on expanded coverage alone. Indeed, without a serious, sustained effort to reduce the growth rate of healthcare costs, affordable healthcare coverage will remain out of reach. So we must attack the root causes of the inflation in healthcare. That means promoting the best practices, not simply the most expensive. …That's how we can achieve reform that preserves and strengthens what's best about our healthcare system, while fixing what is broken."

First, let me say, that I agree with the gist of the statement. Rising health care costs are killing our economy (well, that and a few other things), and medical care can definitely be improved so that it is more cost-effective.

But here's the truth. The single best way to reduce the cost of healthcare is to reduce the *need* for healthcare. We are a sick bunch of people, and for the most part, it's because of our own behavior—we're all "patients gone wild." The majority of us are sick, not because we're out doing healthy things and suddenly get struck down by some horrific disease. No, we're sick because we eat too much, sit around too much, eat the wrong foods, smoke, consume alcohol, and generally ignore the things that lead to good health. We're sick because of the wild and crazy choices we make. The vast majority of healthcare costs in America and the CNMI are tied to chronic "lifestyle" diseases. The top 10 causes of death in the U.S. include heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and cancer. And every single one of these has been incontrovertibly linked to how we live our lives—whether it's what we eat, what we do, what we drink or what we inhale.

To a large extent, we're digging our graves with our spoons and forks. Last year, we spent over $20 billion on cholesterol lowering drugs. That's billion, with a "B." If you had $20 billion and decided to burn a million dollars a day, every single day, it would take you 55 years to spend $20 billion! Why is our cholesterol high and why does it need to be lowered to the tune of $20 billion a year? High cholesterol is a major risk factor for heart disease and stroke. Our bodies produce some cholesterol, but most of the problem comes from what we eat. Only animals have cholesterol in them. Vegetables have no cholesterol at all. We've known for decades that the most effective way (and the cheapest way) to lower cholesterol is to lower our consumption of animal products—animal flesh, animal milk, animal cheese, animal crackers, etc. But you know what? We'd rather not make that kind of change. We'd rather pop a pill and keep eating whatever we want to eat. And that's $20 billion we spend so we can do what we want to do, which is to eat lots of animals.

The same is true for diabetes, which is devastating our community, and growing at an alarming rate. We know that for most of us, the adult onset variety can be controlled, or at least hugely improved, with diet and exercise. Yet we choose not to make these difficult changes. We choose to eat what we want, and take pills and go on dialysis and lose our vision and our feet and our erections. And we spend untold billions on the cost of care for diabetes and its related problems.

A diet high in animal fat is also linked to a slew of cancers. Pass the processed meat. Or just pass a burger or wiener or any other chunk of meat. Alcohol consumption is linked to many cancers. Tobacco is irrefutably linked to cancer. But we can't seem to manage to pass legislation to ban smoking in public spaces. Pass the votes.

I admire efforts to improve the cost-effectiveness of the healthcare we deliver, but I know that the "root cause" of the mess includes our culture of indiscretion, of consumption, of sitting around. Any serious effort to fix the healthcare mess must include a change in our culture—what we eat, what we do, what we drink and what we inhale. These changes won't solve all the problems, but they'll make a huge dent in the demand for and the cost of healthcare. A major portion of the responsibility to "reform" belongs on our shoulders—those who end up needing healthcare. Reduce the need, and you reduce the cost. It's simple. But it's not easy. We humans typically don't like change. Yet failure to change our behavior will result in more and more people needing healthcare every year, rising costs, and eventually, not enough doctors, hospitals or other resources to take care of so many sick people. We're experiencing the fallout right now, right here in the CNMI.

Addressing our behavior needs to move to the front and center in the public policy discussion on healthcare reform. It's a nut we must crack.

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We can all use a laugh these days, especially those who work for the Commonwealth's beleaguered hotel industry. Well, come to think of it, this might actually give our friends at HANMI a few nightmares.

Anyway, there are three layers to the tale I'm going to relate: There is (a) the zany, slapstick comedy angle, (b) the management lesson for all of us, and (c) the profoundly cynical and timely lesson on economics, panic, and human folly.

That's a lot of wisdom in one bite-sized nugget, and easily worth a conceptual trip across the globe, so today we cast our gaze away from the shores of paradise and over to the distant town of Conway, Arkansas.

On June 6, at about 6am, the guests of Conway's Holiday Inn Express were flushed out of their rooms by the shrill, ear-splitting howl of the hotel fire alarm. After they evacuated the hotel, their morning got even more eventful: They were treated to the site of a hotel employee, and a hotel guest, employing a fire extinguisher to smash out the windows of the lobby.

Well, why not? After all, they didn't need the extinguisher to extinguish a fire. There wasn't any fire.

According to a police report, the hotel had received a telephone call that morning. The caller identified himself as a an employee of the fire alarm company, and told the desk clerk that the system had malfunctioned, and the remedy was to pull the fire alarm.

A prank call like that isn't newsworthy.

What is newsworthy is that the clerk allegedly complied.

Things get better from there. The caller reportedly told the clerk to smash the ground floor windows with a fire extinguisher in order to keep the water sprinklers from activating (the logic of that premise eludes me; I hope it eludes you, too.) A hotel guest evidently volunteered to help with this important task. Judging from the photos that were posted on the Internet, they seemed to have done a bang-up job of it.

That's not too shabby for a morning's handiwork, but wait, there's more: The caller also issued the instruction to break off the head of one of the lobby sprinklers. Yes, once again, this instruction was carried out, which caused water to gush out of the sprinkler and flood the lobby.

The cops showed up, wrote a report, and, well, end of story.

Isn't it amazing how any employee, regardless of rank, can, uh, shall we say, "make a difference" in your business? I can just imagine Saipan's hotel managers drafting memos right now: "If some dude calls and tells you to trash the hotel, don't do it. Thanks."

But never mind hotel drama, this reflexive obedience to "do something" has larger economic implications.

Indeed, as we survey the broken windows of many of today's wrecked economies, the same lesson applies. A panicked, or even worried, people will certainly bust their economic windows if somebody tells them to do it. This has nothing to do with who is in political office; it has everything to do with mob psychology at the tipping point. There are huge profits to be had for those on the right side of a broken-window economy. All that's required to trigger the transition is enough rubes to smash the glass.

And, trust me, there are rubes aplenty. And, from what I've seen in declining economies, they usually wind up angry at the bystanders who won't "help" with the window smashing. These zany economic antics will be entertaining us for years to come.

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In my May 22 column I wrote about a teeny-tiny computer well-suited for the Commonwealth's road warriors, the Acer Aspire One (10.1 inch screen, six-cell battery). An alert reader asked me how much this computer weighs once all the usual accoutrements are bundled together.

So, here we go: The Acer I wrote about, combined with its AC charger and a carrying bag, weighed in at 4.0 lbs. By contrast, my full-sized notebook computer, a 14.1-inch screen ThinkPad, had an 8.7-lb travel weight.

Letters to the Editor

Farewell to the Class of 2009

Yesterday, we graduated another class. A senior told me he would be leaving the CNMI because there is no opportunity here and our hotels prefer hiring guest workers anyway. It is obvious to everyone in the Commonwealth that most NMI employers aren't giving preferential hiring to local citizens. Our Labor Department does not enforce the law they supported. How should we stop scams, schemes, and rampant labor and immigration fraud? Why would they do this and who does it benefit? I would guess it helps businesses who prefer cheap labor. This hurts every local family in the Commonwealth, directly or indirectly, and must be addressed. We have foreign nationals operating businesses here with minimal investment in the NMI. Many of these foreign owned companies are not hiring local citizens? This will continue until the people here put a stop to it.

PL-15-108 attempts to keep the indigent guest worker in servitude, perhaps because the Saipan Chamber of Commerce helped draft this law. Despicable business operators have caused the situation we find in our community today. The guest worker lands employment with a small business owned by a foreign national. The business owner knows the worker desperately needs a job and cant afford to quit. The foreign national owner may even underpay the guest worker. This practice is a symbiotic relationship as it may give the worker grounds for a labor action and a right to stay in the CNMI without employment. Small businesses are defaming local citizens here with abusive labor practices and previous legislation has targeted workers instead of the foreign business owners. Congress should enact laws to penalize these operators out of business. I suggest a 10k fine for the first offense, after which the CNMI may seize assets including property before, during, and after their (the business owners) deportation.

Facing tough penalties, residents colluding with foreign nationals in shill or shell companies would end their involvement with such activity in the NMI. Penalizing illegal operators would open employment to local kids in many areas and create a higher level of service, infinitely more important to our struggling tourism industry than cheap labor. We should offer a bounty, open a fraud hotline, or enact whistleblower laws to run cheap businesses off the island. Hopefully, the U.S. will strictly enforce U.S. investor guidelines to aid clean up in the aftermath of the textile industry, but either way, our Congress should take action before federalization does.

Ron Hodges
via e-mail

A Tinian travesty foretold

"I told you so" is the only thing I could think of when I read the controversy at Tinian High School. I wrote a letter to the editor not too long ago stating how the students and teachers on Tinian needed to be rescued from their principal. Now there is more proof that the students, teachers, staff, and parents on Tinian deserve better leadership at the school. There are only two questions that need answering: What will it take for the stakeholders in the junior/high school to get relief from their principal and when will it ever happen?

I'm related to one of the students and this is personal for me because I know how hard she worked because I advised her on her research paper. The public needs to know that students were being asked to perform a task within an unrealistic time frame and the requirements for these papers were unrealistic. For example: The student I helped was doing a paper on the CNMI Constitution *but* the student could not use the NMI History textbook in any way, even though it one of the most authoritative resources on the Constitution and it is the Board-adopted textbook for NMI History! In addition, the student was required to apply 10 different sources but the only problem was there aren't 10 different resources on the CNMI Constitution and the student had to resort to personal interviews just to meet this requirement. I applaud the expectation for students to produce good quality research papers but to place unrealistic parameters of time and resources stinks. These students were not being treated fairly and they deserve some form of relief and justice.

Kudos to the Commissioner for stepping in to guarantee the students and parents on Tinian some form of due process because it is obvious to me they were mistreated. But the bigger problem should also be addressed—some form of real *governance system* over all principals. It's not that we have a lot of bad principals but the fact that we do have a few bad ones requires a system in place that guarantees accountability. It's obvious PSS doesn't have a governance system over principals in place because the concerns of the students and parents on Tinian would have been addressed and the COE wouldn't have to play sheriff. Students and parents should have been able to file formal complaints with a fair and impartial body with the power to review and dictate the necessary and proper action. So will the students and teachers get complete relief from their present principal or will the problem be brushed aside only to be manifested again in a different form?

The Commissioner is the executive officer and she alone cannot adequately police all the principals and the entire school system by herself and still perform her other functions. The Commissioner will still have to turn the Tinian matter over to some form of review panel, which is why we need a formal governing body for a complete check and balance on all activities within PSS. The recent event on Tinian is just another wake-up call that we need to improve and extend the governance system within PSS to hold principals accountable to students, teachers, staff, parents and other stakeholders.

Ambrose M. Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

Avoiding the issue

Cinta, Cinta, Cinta! How can a deputy secretary miss the point that citizens are trying to make regarding finding jobs under the primary job preference clause? You said that finding jobs for citizens is your number one priority but at the same time, you provided or inserted language into the law diminishing our employment opportunities. Are we preaching one thing while we practice another?

What you said in your letter to the editor was nice. But you deliberately avoided the issues regarding the barriers of incentive hiring and the statute concerning organizations with fewer than five employees, both of which affect our ability to find and keep jobs.

You see, what I do not understand is when employers comply with the resident workforce requirement of 20 percent or 30 percent, and when they meet 35 percent resident workforce in a specific job category, employers qualify for a claim of exemption that allows all other jobs offered by that same employer to remain occupied by nonresident workers. When an employer is given these exemptions, resident workers will never occupy at least 70 percent of the jobs occupied by nonresident workers because your law ensures that they won't If you claim that this is not happening, then I challenge you to answer and explain the following. Oh yeah, don't tell me anything about being "qualified and available"; I know what it means exactly.

1. Why is it that when I responded to a reported job vacancy on the website, I was not entertained because they were given waivers regarding that job during the publication period?

2. Why is it that an employer who employs fewer than five employees does not have to hire resident workers or is given an exemption from the primary job preference clause?

Cinta, this is our concern out here, not about fees. The old law does not practice this activity. In fact, the old law gives us protection to allow us to compete for every job that is being reported vacant by employers who intended to hire nonresident workers. In the event that employers are asking for a waiver, now called "claim of exemptions," resident workers can still compete under the job preference clause as in the case of another writer to the editor. So where is the "balance" here? Stop giving us half-truth that you so gladly choose to offer us. Give us the solution to this problem because it is affecting our residents and citizens. We do not need you to defend "baba" your flaw, but give us possible solutions to the problem that you have created. We need help! We do not need you to defend the labor-business balance in the way that you did, but develop the understanding that the resident workers provide for economic stability and not instability. Cinta, I may not have a law degree like you do, but it does not take a rocket scientist to understand that this part of your law is negatively affecting U.S. citizens and permanent residents. By the way, I heard you are running for a Senate seat in this coming election. I must remind you that you do not only get votes from employers, but from the citizens that need jobs and are trying to find them.

Loly A. Sablan
San Vicente, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Showers	▲87	▼76
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼78
Yap	Showers	▲88	▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲88	▼79
Pohnpei	Showers	▲87	▼74
Kosrae	Showers	▲89	▼77
Majuro	Rain	▲64	▼52

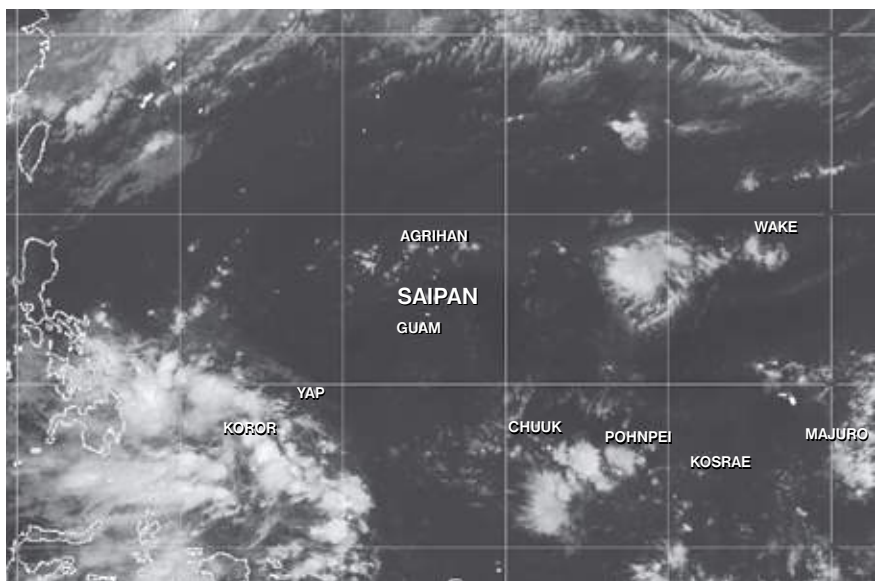
Around The Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲64	▼52
Beijing	Partly Sunny	▲90	▼70
Hong Kong	Showers	▲88	▼81
Honolulu	Cloudy	▲82	▼74
London	Showers	▲68	▼46
Los Angeles	Mostly Cloudy	▲72	▼58
Manila	Rain	▲84	▼78
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲61	▼47
Miami	Partly Sunny	▲90	▼79
New York	Thunderstorms	▲78	▼66
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲80	▼66
Paris	Partly Sunny	▲70	▼55
Pusan	Cloudy	▲79	▼59
Rome	Sunny	▲84	▼58
Salem	Cloudy	▲73	▼55
San Francisco	Mostly Cloudy	▲66	▼55
Seoul	Sunny	▲72	▼59
Tokyo	Showers	▲81	▼65
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼71

Tides

Saipan Harbor		
4:57 AM Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet
9:13 AM Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
4:44 PM Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
11:58 PM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00AM, THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2009
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough runs southeastward from 10N130E to a weak circulation centered at 4N137E then continues eastward through another circulation at 2N156E to end at EQ165E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found over Koror southwest of a line extending from 11N133E to 2N143E and over Chuuk and Pohnpei within an area bounded by a line from 9N151E to 6N148E to 2N155E to 6N162E back to 9N151E. A shearline extends east-northeastward from 18N145E to 20N180. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are present along and within 100 miles to the north of the shearline between 145E and 163E a surface trough arcs southward across the Marshall Islands from 14N170E to 5N171E. Trade-wind convergence near and to the east of the trough is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms within 150 miles of a line from 2N169E to 6N174E to 3N180.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:47 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:48 PM
Sunday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
Monday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
Tuesday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:13 PM	9:12 AM
Saturday	10:50 PM	10:01 AM
Sunday	11:26 PM	10:48 AM
Monday		11:36 AM
Tuesday	12:01 AM	12:24 PM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

CO9597	11:50am	12:25pm	1,7

SAIPAN-GUAM

CO9317	4:30am	5:20am	Daily
CO9313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
CO9597	11:50am	1:20pm	1, 7
CO9601	12:30pm	1:20pm	4, 5
CO9603	3:30pm	4:20pm	Daily
CO9605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
CO9599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

CO9598	2:20am	2:50am	5, 6
CO9312	12:10pm	12:40pm	6

GUAM-PALAU (ROR)

CO893	5:50pm	6:50pm	3, 5
CO953	6:50pm	7:50pm	1, 7
CO953	7:35pm	10:05pm	2, 4, 6

PALAU (ROR)-MANILA

CO893	7:35pm	9:10pm	3, 5

GUAM-MANILA

CO893	5:50pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via ROR
CO933	7:00pm	8:40pm	Daily
PR111	6:00am	7:45am	1, 2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

NW99	6:00am	8:40am	Daily
NW78	9:00am	2:05pm	Daily via NGO
NW75	3:50pm	6:25am	Daily

GUAM-NARITA (NRT)

CO961	6:35am	9:10am	Daily
NW83	8:00am	1:55pm	Daily via KIX
CO6	12:00pm	2:45pm	Daily
NW73	4:05pm	7:00pm	Daily
CO963	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)

OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	1
OZ119	4:20am	7:00am	4,6

GUAM-OSAKA (KIX)

NW83	8:00am	10:45am	Daily

SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)

NW78	9:00am	11:40am	Daily

GUAM-NAGOYA (NGO)

CO971	7:45am	10:30am	Daily
NW23	4:10pm	7:05pm	Daily
CO975	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	excl 1
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	1 via KIX
OZ119	4:20am	11:20am	4, 6 via KIX

SEOUL (ICN)-HONG KONG

OZ721	9:05am	11:45am	Daily
OZ723	7:45pm	10:30pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-MANILA

OZ701	8:35am	11:25am	Daily
OZ703	7:50pm	10:50pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

CO9598	3:25am	4:00am	5, 6
CO9312	1:20pm	1:55pm	6

GUAM-SAIPAN

CO9316	2:20am	3:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 7
CO9598	2:20am	4:00am	5, 6 via ROP
CO9596	7:00am	5:00am	Daily
CO9600	10:20am	11:10am	Daily x6
CO9312	12:10pm	1:55pm	6
CO9602	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 4, 5, 7
CO9604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
CO9606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

CO9597	12:50pm	1:20pm	1, 7

PALAU (ROR)-GUAM

CO954	1:10am	5:30am	3, 5, 7
CO954	1:45am	4:40am	1, 2
CO892	2:35am	5:30am	4, 6

MANILA-PALAU (ROR)

CO892	10:10pm	1:50am+1	3, 5

MANILA-GUAM

CO892	10:10pm	5:30am+1	3, 5 via ROR
CO934	10:55pm	4:30am+1	Daily
PR110	10:00pm	4:00am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

NW76	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
NW77	6:30pm	1:40am+1	Daily via NGO
NW100	7:50pm	12:30am+1	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-GUAM

NW74	10:00am	2:50pm	Daily
CO962	10:30am	3:00pm	Daily
CO7	3:50pm	8:25pm	Daily
NW84	6:20pm	1:40am+1	Daily
CO964	8:25pm	1:00am+1	Daily
NW82	8:30pm	1:05am+1	4
NW82	8:30pm	1:20am+1	X 4

OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN

OZ120	9:55pm	2:20am+1	3, 5, 6

OSAKA (KIX)-GUAM

NW84	9:05pm	1:40am+1	Daily

NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN

NW77	9:10pm	1:40am	Daily

NAGOYA (NGO)-GUAM

NW24	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
CO970	11:30am	4:30pm	Daily
CO972	8:25pm	12:55am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	3, 5, 6 via KIX
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	excl 7

HONG KONG-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ724	12:30am	5:05am	Daily
OZ722	1:15pm	5:45pm	Daily

MANILA-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ702	12:45pm	5:45pm	Daily
OZ704	11:50pm	4:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

Editor's Note: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); CO: Continental; FM: Shanghai Airlines; PR: Philippine Airlines; NW: Northwest; OZ: Asiana
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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

Clients for WIC program continue to increase

By NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.
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REPORTER

Community participation is increasing by the numbers in the past eight months since the Department of Public Health Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children opened its modernized clinic on Upper Navy Hill in November 2008.

Esplin

According to clinic manager Dianne Esplin, RD, in the month of May alone, a total of 4,686 have enrolled with the program, including 4,277 from Saipan.

On Tinian, the total enrollees were 220 and on Rota, 189.

Esplin said the number of clients in May is a positive development for the clinic.

WIC program staff visits its clinic on Rota two days a month due to the distance, while they conduct twice-a-week visits to the Tinian clinic.

WIC is a nutrition program that helps pregnant women, new mothers, and young children eat well, learn about nutrition, and stay healthy.

Through this program, nutrition education and counseling, nutritious foods, and help in accessing healthcare are provided to low-income women, infants, and children.

Clients are provided with the CNMI WIC approved food packages that are available in authorized stores.

The participating stores include six on Saipan—I Mart in Tanapag, Kagman market, Joeten Dandan, Han Nam Market in Koblerville, Payless Supermarket in Chalan Kanoa and Joeten Hafa Adai in Garapan.

The participating store on Tinian is Fleming Store and on Rota, Sinapalo Safeway and Lucky Store in Songsong.

Five NMI beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has raised the red flag on three sites on Saipan and two on Rota and advises the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from San Antonio Lift Station, American Memorial Park, and GTC Elementary School beach on Saipan contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria-enterococci-that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards.

These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. However, studies have shown that storm water runoff in tropical environments may also contain these bacteria from the natural environment, which may not be directly associated with public health concerns.

Two Rota beaches—Coral Garden and Mobil Storm Drain—are also assigned a red flag.

DEQ analyzed samples of marine recreational and storm drainage water from 50 locations on Saipan, 10 on Tinian, 12 on Rota and a total of 11 samples from the shore surrounding Managaha.

Marine Water Quality Reports are also provided at www.deq.gov.mp/section.aspx?secID=4 and http://www.cnmicoralreef.net/wq/beachcloseweeklyresults.htm. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

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'I love my Dad because...' contest still open

The "Top Ten Best Dad" contest being organized by Fiesta Resort And Spa is still open for nomination.

To join, mothers with children age 0 to 11 must submit an essay answering the question: "My kids love their dad because…"

Children ages 12 to 21 must submit an essay answering the question: "I love my dad because…"

Entries can be sent via e-mail to oscar_yema@fiestasaipan.com, or by snail mail to P.O. Box 501029. Entries may also be hand-carried by putting the essay in an envelop and giving it to the front desk of the Fiesta Resort and Spa. All entries must have the subject heading "I love my dad because…"

The entry must also contain a picture of the father and contact information.

Deadline for the submission of entries will be on June 17, 2009, after which finalists will be chosen.

For more information, call Oscar Yema, events and outlets manager of Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan at 234-7171 Ext. 1585. The best essay writer will get a brand new cell phone from IT&E and a cell phone as your gift to your Dad. ***(PR)***

'I love my Dad because…'

By WOO SUK CHANG

Editor's Note: The author, Woo Suk Chang, is the son of Byoung Doo Chang. The Saipan Tribune *will be publishing the contest entries in the lead-up to Father's Day, June 21, 2009.*

I love my dad because he is a superhero to me. When my family came to Saipan, my mom and dad worked as an owner of Family Market in Susupe. We came to Saipan in September 2003, and until May 2009, my dad never rested, even for one day, from working as a cashier, fixing the laundry machines, and other hard work. He worked an average of 15 hours every day for almost six year, not even resting on Sunday. My mom worked as hard as my dad but, sorry mom…. It's Father's Day, so I will mostly mention dad.

My dad never complained while he was working everyday for almost six years. He always said he gets power from looking at my brother and me working hard on sports, studying, and music. It is really difficult to work an average of 15 hours a day, and sleep only about 3-4 hours. My dad loved to play soccer. He played soccer for more than 35 years. Now he can't play soccer. He worked a lot standing because he was doing cashier duties, and cashiering mostly requires standing and his leg got in bad shape. He had surgery and is fine now, but he can't play soccer anymore. He started to play golf recently because he needs to do at least one sports regularly to be healthy. He gave up soccer, because of our family. It is not easy to give up something you want to do. He had to give it up because he needed to support our family.

The author's father, Byoung Doo Chang.

My dad loves me and my brother. My brother, Ho Suk, is now in the army in Korea. He is working as KATUSA (Korean Augmentation Troops to the U.S. Army), and my dad always think of him and waits for his call. We get only one call in like every two days, because the army is very busy, so my dad always waits to get Ho Suk's phone call.

I am a tennis player. Starting June 15 through June 19, I will play at the North Pacific Qualifying to represent Saipan. My dad always supported since I started playing tennis five years ago. My dad always gives me hope that one day I will be as good as Rafael Nadal, the world's number one men's tennis player. He always gives me hope. Sadly, our family will go back to Korea, maybe by June 20, after I come back from Guam (the North Pacific Qualifying will be held on Guam). I will be attending Mapo High School, and will be on the tennis team there. We are getting lots of good things from Saipan. It was hard when we first came to Saipan, but I am going to one of the best tennis team high school in Korea, and my brother is also attending one of the best universities in Korea, and now he speaks English well, so he was chosen to be a proud KATUSA.

It's all because of my dad's hard work. We can't do anything bad, looking at my dad working so hard. One day, I cried when I saw my dad working, sweating to fix a laundry machine on a Saturday morning. I said to myself that when I grow up, I will make my dad rest. He does not have to work so hard; I will be giving him everything I have. My brother and I work hard to make our dad proud of us, and I think we kind of did it.

I love you dad. I want to thank my dad with this surprise essay. He does not know anything about this. I might be in Guam while this essay's winner is announced. My dad will still be here, so it's not a big problem. I want to give my dad a present by winning this essay competition. My dad is my superhero. It will be his last time to celebrate Father's Day on Saipan. I want my dad to have the best Father's Day in his life. Thank you Dad…

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Volunteers haul off 3.7K lbs of trash

Three volunteer groups removed a total of 3,700 lbs of trash on Saipan last weekend.

Volunteers at the Division of Environmental Quality cleanup brigade collected a total of 400 lbs of trash on June 6. Starting at Sugar Dock, south of Laly 4 beach, volunteers from the Pacific Islands Club, Mt. Carmel Class of 1999, and others removed picnic debris, plastic, and numerous cigarette butts.

The Paseo de Marianas Promoters held their regular cleanup of the Garapan Tourist District on June 7 and removed a total of 1,200 lbs of garbage.

Another group, Friends of the Mariana Islands, collected a total of 2,100 lbs of trash behind the Saipan International Airport. On June 13, FMI volunteers will clean Isa Drive, starting from Saipan Botanical Garden to Airport Road. The cleanup will start at 8am.

PDM and FMI are part of the Beautify CNMI coalition. For more information about the cleanups or volunteering, contact Beautify CNMI at 285-6462 or visit them at http://www.beautifycnmi.org. You can also call DEQ at 664-8500 or visit www.deq.gov.mp. ***(PR)***

Pohnpei investors suing Clinton, Salazar for fall of their business

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REPORTER

A group of investors in Pohnpei is suing State Secretary Hillary Clinton and Interior Secretary Ken Salazar over the alleged destruction of their business in Pohnpei.

AHPW Inc. and its shareholders—Robert C. Arthur, Patricia B. Arthur, Bethwell Henry, and Marihne Henry—filed the lawsuit yesterday in federal court. Named as co-defendants are the State of Pohnpei and Federated States of Micronesia Development Bank.

The plaintiffs, through counsel Douglas Cushnie, sued the defendants for breach of contract, breach of Compact, and unjust enrichment.

AHPW Inc. was created by the Arthurs and Henrys to operate a pepper processing and button manufacturing business. Patricia Arthur and Marihne Henry were the stockholders.

The plaintiffs asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to order the defendants to pay them damages, attorney's fees, and court costs.

The plaintiffs also asked the court to enter a mandatory injunction debarring the State of Pohnpei from receiving any grants or other funds or economic assistance from the U.S.

Alternatively, the plaintiffs asked the court to stop the U.S. from providing any further economic assistance to the State of Pohnpei.

They asked the court to issue a writ of execution or garnishment against all assets held in the U.S. by the State of Pohnpei.

The Arthurs are U.S. citizens residing in Pohnpei, while the Henrys are FSM citizens residing in Pohnpei. FSM Development Bank is part of FSM government.

Cushnie said that AHPW Inc. was granted a $620,000 loan by the Federated Development Authority and, pursuant to FSM Code, the FSM Development Bank was authorized to prepare the loan documents to effectuate the loan. However, Cushnie said, FSM Development Bank did not prepare the loan documents in accord with FDA's instructions.

He said the bank prepared documents making the Arthurs and Henrys the primary obligors and borrowers on the loan, although they had never applied for the loan and did not meet the statutory requirements to receive the loan funds.

Cushnie said Pohnpei State then engaged in a course of conduct that destroyed AHPW's business. Because of this, AHPW not able to pay the FDA loan in a timely manner, the lawyer said.

The lawyer said the State of Pohnpei should be enjoined from receiving any further grant aid from the U.S. due to its destruction of AHPW's business and violation of the Compact Agreement and P.L. 99-239.

Cushnie said Clinton and Salazar as the Secretary of State and Secretary of Interior have control over disbursement of funds pursuant to the Agreement and P. L. 99-239 to FSM and Pohnpei.

Palau cites human rights in resettling Uighur detainees

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—Palau's president said Thursday his tiny Pacific island state considered human rights—and not China's reaction—when it agreed to take in 17 Chinese Muslim separatists detained at Guantanamo Bay.

The archipelago agreed to a U.S. request to resettle the detained members of China's Uighur minority out of humanitarian concerns and because it believed that their continued detention at the U.S. facility on Cuba was unlawful, Palau President Johnson Toribiong said in a telephone interview.

The Pentagon has determined that the detainees were not "enemy combatants." However, the Obama administration has faced fierce congressional opposition to allowing them on U.S. soil as free men and has sought alternatives abroad. Palau agreed Wednesday to temporarily resettle the detainees.

China has demanded that the men be extradited to their homeland and pressured countries not to accept them.

"We did not consider (China's reaction) at the time we gave our positive response to the United States," Toribiong told The Associated Press.

"We understand these 17 people are not terrorists but separatists from their national government in China," Toribiong said in an interview Thursday. "That's a matter between the United States and China."

Palau also did not consider its diplomatic recognition of Taiwan, "because we focused on the request of the United States and the rights of these detainees," he said.

"If China objects to their being in Palau I would think their objection was also directed at their detention in Guantanamo Bay," he added. Palau would leave any reaction from China "for the United States and for China."

"These people should be freed and their imprisonment or detention appears to me at this time to be unlawful or illegitimate," Toribiong said.

He said Palau would send a mission headed by Ministry of State Sandra S. Pierantozzi to Guantanamo Bay to assess the Uighurs.

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San Nicolas, Camacho are GTC's top graduates

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REPORTER

Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School yesterday named 11-year-olds Clea M. San Nicolas and William Jesse DLG. Camacho as this year's top graduates during a promotional ceremony in its cafeteria.

San Nicolas won GTC's Commissioner's Award, and bagged 14 other special honors, including awards for perfect attendance, citizenship, sportsmanship, and best in reading, math, social studies, science, Chamorro language, language arts, and writing. She was also recognized for being in the A-honor roll and as the Binadu of the Month.

San Nicolas has represented the school in extracurricular, interscholastic, and community activities while consistently maintaining academic excellence, said GTC.

CLEA M. SAN NICOLAS
Commissioner's Award

WILLIAM JESSE DLG. CAMACHO
Principal's Award

San Nicolas credited GTC for teaching her the value of a great education, the importance of forming lifelong friendships, and the significance of community involvement.

Camacho received the school's Principal's Award. Like San Nicolas, Camacho amassed numerous honors, including accolades for A-honor roll, citizenship, sportsmanship, and subject awards for best in reading, math, and social studies. He is the son of Charlotte and Michael Camacho.

GTC principal Charlotte Camacho, along with Board of Education members and Public School System officials, promoted 34 sixth graders to junior high school in yesterday's ceremony.

Other GTC students on the top ten list are Jeanne Carla Soriente, Jenny Camacho Sablan, Maria Magdalena Bansil, Nanami Mafnas, Rosalyn Janairo, Christian Jacob Punzalan, Chelsea Karen Fama, Mary Fem Urena, Ethan Shigeru Manalili, and Ronald Marmito.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Republican Party of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI GOP) will conduct and supervise an **Open Primary Election** on June 27, 2009. All currently registered voters in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, on the official roster listing provided by the Election Commission, will be permitted to vote on June 27, 2009, at the polling places designated below by election precinct.

There will be no advance voting and no voting by absentee ballots.

CNMI GOP PRIMARY ELECTION DATE
June 27, 2009
Polls will open at 7 am and close at 6 pm

POLLING PLACES

The polling places are as follows:

SAIPAN:
Precinct 1:
- San Antonio Elementary School
- Koblerville Elementary School
- San Vicente Elementary School

Precinct 2:
- Municipal Council Office

Precinct 3:
- Oleai Elementary School
- Garapan Elementary School

Precinct 4:
- Tanapag Youth Center
- Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School (San Roque)
- Legislature Building (Capital Hill).

Precinct 5:
- Kagman Community Center

Northern Islands , Rota and Tinian voters on Saipan: Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe, Saipan

TINIAN:
Tinian Elementary School Cafeteria

ROTA:
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VOTING IN ANOTHER MUNICIPALITY ON THE PRIMARY ELECTION DAY:

Voters registered on Rota, Tinian, Saipan, or Northern Islands, who will be present in another municipality on the Primary Election Day, will be allowed to vote. Those voters are required to notify the CNMI GOP by filling out a form provided by the CNMI GOP no later than 12 noon on June 26, 2009. Only those voters who notify the CNMI GOP by the deadline shall be permitted to vote at the Multi-Purpose Center, in Susupe, Saipan; at the Tinian Elementary School on Tinian; and NMC Campus on Rota.

REGISTERED VOTER LISTING:

The eligible list of voters shall be from the latest computerized listing of voters provided by the Election Commission to the CNMI GOP scheduled to be released by June 15, 2009.

Any person who registers to vote with the Election Commission after the cut-off date will be eligible to vote in the Primary Election by presenting a valid voter registration card and a photo ID from a government entity, such as a driver's license or passport, as proof of identity.

CONFINED VOTERS:

Confined voters will be permitted to cast their ballots in their homes by making a request on a form provided by the CNMI GOP at the GOP office no later than 12 noon on June 27, 2009. A designated team of poll workers will be responsible for delivering the ballots to the homes of confined voters to ensure that the ballots are cast in private, the ballots are collected and secured by depositing into a designated ballot box.

For more information please contact the CNMI GOP office at 235-4467, or visit us at the CNMI GOP Headquarters at the Oleai Center, Suite # 113, in San Jose Village, Saipan.

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Bautista and Santos top KagES promotional rites

LILLY JEAN KING BAUTISTA
Commissioner's Award

PETER CABRERA SANTOS
Principal's Award

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REPORTER

Ten-year-old Lilly Jean King Bautista emerged as Kagman Elementary School's most outstanding student after receiving the highest academic honor—the Commissioner's Award.

Yesterday, the Public School System and Board of Education promoted 118 fifth graders to junior high school during a ceremony on campus.

Bautista also received other recognitions, including the President's Excellence Award and awards for Best in Math, Social Studies, and Chamorro language.

The youngest daughter of Rosie and Louie Bautista, Bautista stated her intention to return to her alma mater at some point.

"This is not a goodbye…because I am coming back someday. Who knows, I might be your child or children's classroom teacher," she told fellow graduates.

This year's Principal's Award was bestowed on Peter Cabrera Santos.

The son of Tina and Edward Santos also garnered the President's Excellence Award and the award for Best in Science.

Hailed as the school's Peacebuilder awardee was Viron Tudela Tenorio.

The top ten students in the promotional rites included Bautista, Wenie Timbas, Keriyln Lizama, Victor Juan Castro, Josepha Cabrera, Marcy Ermitanio, Sage Borja, Vinecia Shana Deleon Guerrero, and Michael Muna.

Other content area awardees were Josepha Cabrera, Sarah Kapileo, Jessie Brel, Rakina Chong, and Florence Buekis.

Indalecio and Ngirutoi are San Antonio school's top awardees

MONETH G. DEPOSA
San Antonio Elementary School principal Katrina Lizama, center, poses with this year's outstanding graduates Yvonne Zhu Indalecio, left, and Espralyne Ngirutoi. SAES promoted yesterday 51 sixth graders to junior high school.

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REPORTER

San Antonio Elementary School promoted 51 sixth graders to junior high school yesterday.

Leading the batch of graduates were Yvonne Zhu Indalecio and Espralyne Ngirutoi, who emerged as the class Commissioner and Principal awardees, respectively.

Before nearly a hundred spectators and guests, Indalecio lauded parents for successfully leading their children to complete the first significant steps in their educational journey.

Indalecio was also given the President's Excellence Award, the school's Crest Award, and an award for perfect attendance.

The 12-year-old student is the daughter of Jing and Albert Indalecio.

Ngirutoi, who received the Principal's Award, also achieved the following honors: perfect attendance, excellence in self-control, school's Crest, and President's Excellence A ward.

The 11-year-old student is the daughter of Espransita and Franklin Ngirutoi.

"I am so happy and proud because all my hard work paid off. I finally made it!" she said.

Members of the school's parent-teacher association and Education Board, as well as students' families and officials from the Public School System, attended the ceremony.

RHS Buck Battalion gets busy

The Rota High School JROTC Buck Battalion was busy participating in community service activities and award ceremonies this past two weeks.

On May 26, a change of command ceremony was held on the Rota High School campus to honor the accomplishments of outgoing commander cadet Lt. Col. John Ayuyu, and to officially welcome incoming battalion commander for school year 2009-2010, cadet Lt. Col. Elisa DLC Taisacan. Cadet Maj. Marcillia Taimanao was appointed battalion executive officer. The ceremony also paid tribute to the men and women who are serving in the armed forces.

The Buck Battalion Organization Day was held on June 5 at the Rota East Harbor. JROTC cadets were provided with an end-of-school-year morale booster that included volleyball, swimming and a barbecue. This event was made possible with the support of RHS principal Sharlene Manglona, RHS staff, and the community. Special acknowledgment was extended to Patricia Calvo, the EMS, and Balbina Tasiacan and family. Guests at the event included Board of Education member Tanya King, Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan, and PSS Associate Commissioner of Curriculum and Instruction Jackie Quitugua.

Twenty-five cadets assisted and participated in a saint procession on June 7. This event was hosted by the San Francisco De Borja Parish Council and the Filipino Association. Frank Calvo invited the Buck Battalion to participate.

On June 9, the Buck Awards Presentation was held at the RHS gymnasium and was attended by the entire student population and faculty as well as parents and community members. This ceremony recognized cadets who have excelled in the program. The faculty and parents assisted in awarding the medals to the cadets. A total of 39 awards were presented, including the Cadet Command Superior Cadet Award and the Citizenship Award. Elvira Manglona, RHS faculty member, was the keynote speaker. ***(PR)***

Cyndy Tice, NMC nursing educator, retires

Cyndy Tice, an instructor at the Northern Marianas College's Nursing Department, is retiring at the end of the academic term. During her nearly 12 years at NMC, Tice taught a wide range of subjects in nursing and served in various administrative positions.

She received several teaching awards during her time at NMC, and earlier this year was awarded the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award by the College of Wooster.

Tice has also contributed to the community of Saipan. Many residents will remember her contributions to PAWS, the CNMI Over the Reef Yacht Club, Girl Scouts, and the Immanuel United Methodist Church.

Born in Los Angeles, CA, Tice grew up in suburban Chicago. From her early childhood, she knew she wanted to be a nurse. Following graduation from the College of Wooster in Ohio, Tice completed her nursing training at Chicago Wesley Memorial Hospital School of Nursing and received an MSN from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan.

Following graduation, Tice worked first as a floor nurse in San Francisco and then as a Peace Corps volunteer in Dhaka, Bangladesh. This was followed by an appointment to assistant professor of Nursing at Arizona State University. For many years Tice worked with CARE in Afghanistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sudan, Uganda, and Pakistan. Later assignments with International Medical Corps found her again in Sudan.

Tice will be moving to Las Cruces, New Mexico to live with her sister and brother-in-law.

On Sunday June 14, IUMC Pastor JJ Matsumoto and church members will be honoring Tice in their regular worship service, followed by a brunch at the church. Friends, students and colleagues who have known and worked with Tice during her years on Saipan are invited to attend both the 9:30am worship service and remain for brunch. For further information, call Matsumoto at 322-6158. ***(PR)***

Cyndy Tice, an instructor at the Northern Marianas College's Nursing Department, is retiring at the end of the academic term.

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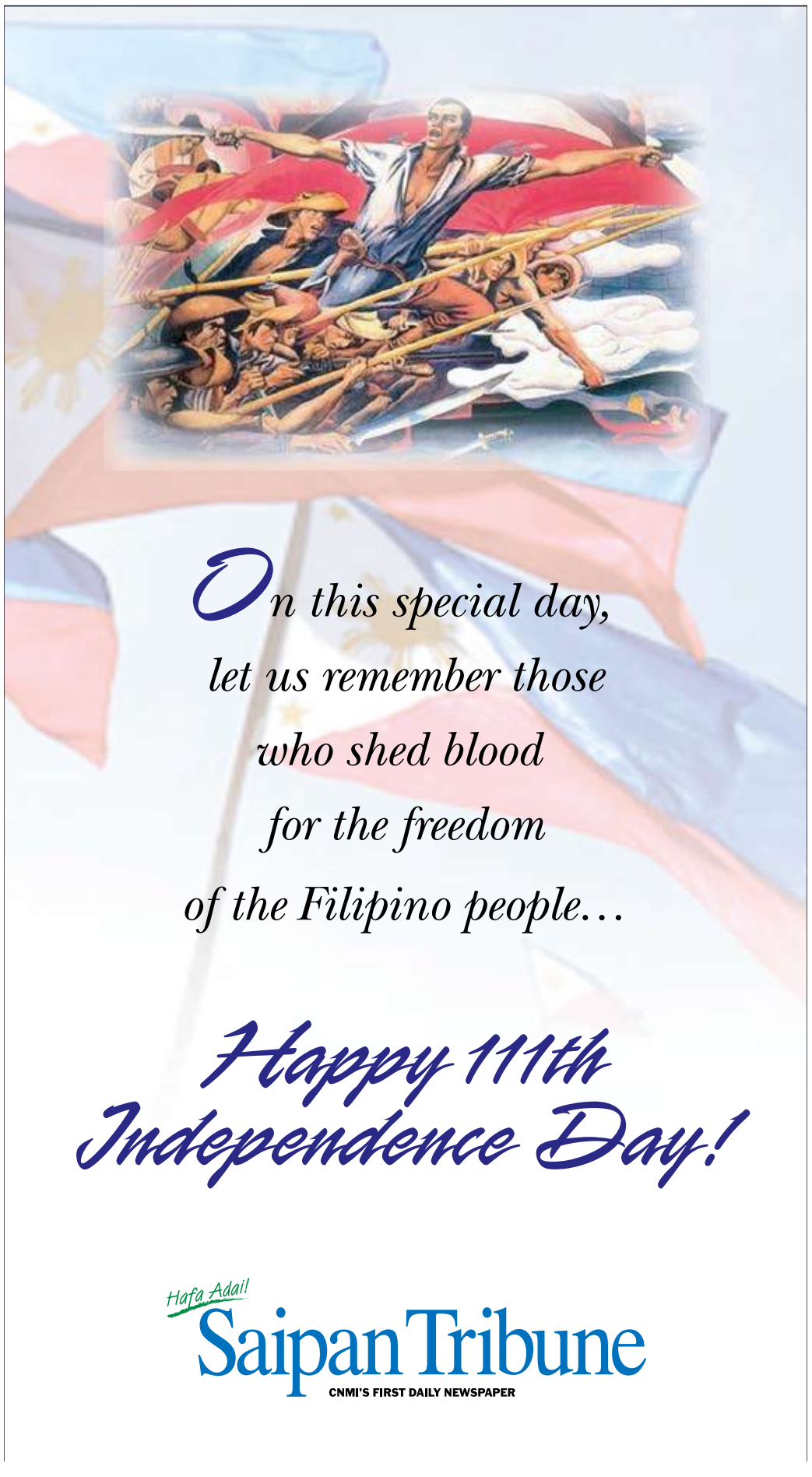

Two newborns get free blankets

NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.

Gids Trasmano carries his newborn son, Austin. Also in photo are CHC Volunteers Association president Maggie Wonenberg and nurse Veronica Servidad.

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REPORTER

The CHC Volunteers Association gave two newborn infants free baby blankets yesterday as part of the 300 pieces the Rotary Club of Saipan donated to the hospital in February this year.

CHC Volunteers' president Maggie Wonenberg and Veronica Servidad, OB/GYNE and Nursery supervisor, assisted the parents in suiting up the newborns with their new blankets, which has the logo of the Rotary Club International.

Wonenberg said all babies born at the hospital will be given the free baby blankets, which is a partnership project of the CHC Volunteers group and the Rotarians.

The two new babies were born 12 hours apart on June10.

Eight-pound 12.3 ounces boy Jared Torres Reyes was born by Caesarean delivery at about 7am. Hi mother Thelma Torres said he is her sixth child and all are boys.

The other newborn was Austin Trasmano, the fourth child of Gids and Maria Trasmano. The 6.9-lb boy was born at about 7:30pm.

"CHC Volunteers started this program even before I came in as president," Wonenberg said.

Also yesterday morning the CHC Volunteers picked up the packages containing hospital clothing that included gowns, bed sheets, blankets and towels that they purchased through donations from the CNMI community.

CTSI Logistics donated half of the shipping fees for the packages.

During the turnover, Wonenberg, along with board members Amparo Tenorio, Rita Tenorio and Kazumi Imai, handed a thank-you letter to the general manager of CTSI, Renato Magalong, who was accompanied by Ivan Quichocho, representing Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan.

The hospital clothing were purchased from California-based company Your Specialty Store.

Since the total cost of the clothing is $949.32, the CHC volunteers paid the balance of $449.32.

The CHC Volunteers were accompanied by John Flores, facility maintenance and support staff of the Department of Public Health, and John M. Tagabuel, DPH Environmental Health Officer.

NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.

Thelma Torres holds her newborn son Jared T. Reyes with a baby blanket donated by the Rotary Club of Saipan. Also in photo are CHC Volunteers Association president Maggie Wonenberg and nurse Veronica Servidad.

MHS CLASS OF '89 REUNION

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The MHS Class of 89 held their family fun picnic last Saturday at the Minachom Atdao, but the reunion isn't over just yet. The MHS Class of 89 will be holding a special Mass today at the Kristo Rai Church at 6pm, and all classmates are asked to attend with their families and friends. The public is also invited. On Saturday night, June 13, the MHS Class of 89 will hold their formal banquet at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan, from 6pm to 11pm. Tickets are on sale now. Call Ed Propst at 483-7361 for tickets or for more information.

CTSI DONATION

CTSI Logistics donates $500 to shoulder part of the shipment of hospital clothing from California to the Commonwealth Health Center Volunteers Association. From left are Department of Public Health Facility Maintenance and Support Administrator John Flores, DPH Environmental Health Officer John M. Tagabuel, CHC Volunteers' board members Rita Tenorio, Kazumi Imai, and Amparo Tenorio; CHC Volunteers president Maggie Wonenberg, Tan Holdings vice president Ivan Quichocho, and CTSI Logistics general manager Rene Magalong.

NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.

Lacsina and Oliverio are top graduates of MHS

MONETH G. DEPOSA

Marianas High School top graduates Lyza Marilet Lacsina, left, and Charlene Oliverio during yesterday's ceremonies at the school gymnasium.

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REPORTER

Marianas High School bestowed yesterday on Lyza Marilet Lacsina and Charlene Oliverio the school's highest academic honors during its graduation ceremonies at the school gymnasium.

Lacsina emerged as the class valedictorian and was named the school's Board Of Education awardee while Oliverio was named the salutatorian and recipient of the Commissioner's Award.

Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos conferred the 2009 Governor's Leadership Award on the school's Student Council leader, Leilani Cepeda, before hundreds of spectators at the jampacked gymnasium.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan, along with members of the Board of Education, confirmed the 186 seniors as new graduates.

MHS Principal Karen Borja named Ariel Itibus as the recipient of the Principal's Award while senior class president Jason Quiblat was named this year's MHS Alumni awardee.

Saipan Mayor Juan B. Tudela, meantime, recognized student Emelaine Rose Fejeran's involvement in community programs and projects and awarded her the Mayor's Community Service medal.

Named to Top 10 this school year were Lyza Marilet Lacsina, Charlene Oliverio, Shannon P. Hofschneider, Jayce Emmalin Jurado, Jessy Cherish Jastillana, Joel Tudela, Jhumil Esposo, Mae Angelie Ito, Ronron Catap, and Eli Ebenezer Wong.

In her message, Lacsina said every bit of knowledge she acquired at MHS helped her achieve the success she had at yesterday's event.

"As this year's class valedictorian, it wasn't only academics that I learned here. High school also taught me how to be more responsible and to develop as a person," she told the crowd. "No matter what, never stop imagining, never stop dreaming… never stop trying to achieve and never stop trying to become what you want to be."

Lacsina reminded her peers it's important that they never forget where they started and what they need to do to be the best they can be.

Lacsina especially thanked her parents for all their sacrifices and hard work.

Veteran Marine shot dead

On the night of June 8, 2009, World War II veteran Marine Clair Chaffin, 83, was gunned down by two teenage boys while leaving a hotel room in North Carolina. There were several witnesses to the murder, and the police were able to arrest a 16-year old boy nearby,who confessed to the crime. The other boy is still at large.

Chaffin was a Marine Corpsman during the intense battles of Saipan and Iwo Jima. He survived the war after fierce encounters on both Pacific islands, and went on to raise a family with three daughters (Alice, Mary, Kathy) in the mainland. Chaffin was described by his fellow Marines as a generous and fun-loving man who crisscrossed the country speaking to crowds about the U.S. Marine Corps and most particularly about the 4th Marine Division and their part in helping to win the war in the Pacific Theater.

Chaffin fought alongside Navajo code talker Samuel "Jesse" Smith, who transmitted messages in his native tongue for Marine General Gates, Headquarters Battalion, Com Company, that couldn't be understood by the Japanese soldiers and spies. Smith's son, Michael, sent along his condolences to the family and friends from "a fellow Marine."

One of Chaffin's many friends, Criminal Justice professor Jay Julian, Excelsior College, issued this statement: "I'm at a loss for words right now for such a senseless murder. He was no threat to the young suspects. Clair was a good friend to many—his memory will live forever. *Semper Fidelis*!"

Chaffin will be cremated and buried next to his wife Muriel in Bushnell, Florida. Services will be held at the Florida Veteran's Memorial Cemetery on June 19, 2009. ***(Joe Race)***

Class of 2009 Congratulations.

The *State Board of Education, Commissioner of Education,* and the entire *Public School System* family would like to congratulate our entire promoting & graduating ***Class of 2009*** on their academic ahievements and future endeavors.

Students First!

DPW flooded with federally funded projects

The Department of Public Works is currently working on many federally funded projects at the Commonwealth Health Center and the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

"We are doing a lot more than what we normally do on a typical fiscal year basis," according to DPW Technical Services director Joseph Inos Jr.

Inos said they are now working with Department of Homeland Security-funded projects, including for those at CHC.

"We're working with federal grants for the Women's Infant Clinic. We've got three projects and I was just informed that we may be getting another one," Inos said.

He said they are also working with federal grant projects for the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Inos said aside from DPW's federally funded energy project, they are also assisting with the energy stimulus projects.

He said they are also getting requests from other local agencies to provide technical assistance for their federally funded projects.

"This is a really an enormous task for us. Hopefully, we are looking at acquiring additional [manpower] to expedite these projects," the director said.

DPW Secretary Diego Songsong said they want to make sure that the projects are managed carefully.

"We don't want to put the projects to bidding, award them to the contractors, but end up with us having problem managing the projects," Songsong said.

He said they want to see to it that they just don't bid the projects, but also monitor them.

Songsong earlier also disclosed that DPW is aiming to obligate over $20 million in federally funded highway projects in the Commonwealth by the end of the year. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Eco Campers pose with their camp counselors at the poolside of the Mariana Resort and Spa.

Eco Camp starts Monday

Eco Camp at the Mariana Resort and Spa is back with sessions beginning on Monday June 15.

«This is our tenth year, and we are looking forward to another great summer,» said camp director Vincene Asanuma. «This is the perfect place to play, we have a big area, clean ocean water, and a good mix of both outdoor and indoor activities, and a great mix of staff and counselors. We have a multilingual staff and we have added two top notch soccer players that will help kids develop their soccer skills this summer.»

Camp facilities include three swimming pools, a golf course, soccer fields, snorkel and kayak beach, go kart track, stables, tennis court, a theatre, and an arts and crafts room. Registration is online at marianastrekking.com

Eco Camp costs $25 per day, $100 per week, or $175 for two weeks. Eco Camp is designed for kids between the ages of 4 and 13. Pickup service is available from Garapan. For more information, call Vince Asanuma at 323-8735 or log on to marianastrekking.com.

CONTACT INFO

- Vince Asanuma: 323-8735
- marianastrekking.com

Water reports due by July 1

Public water systems must distribute Consumer Confidence Reports to clients by July 1, according to the Division of Environmental Quality.

In addition to providing the CCR for year 2008 to customers, public water systems must also deliver a copy to DEQ by July 1.

CCR distribution methods vary. Systems can choose to mail or deliver one copy of the report to each customer, but systems that bill customers by mail should mail a copy of the CCR to each billed customer. Enough copies of the CCR should be sent to single billed customers that have multiple residential units, such as apartment buildings, so that each residential unit can receive a copy.

Bottle water companies should deliver the CCR directly to each of their customer's homes during home delivery of water; deliver copies of the CCR to retail outlets for distribution with retail sales; and post notices on bulk water retail tanks that the CCR is available upon request.

Community water systems serving 500 or fewer people (hotels, garment factories, etc.) may either post the CCR in an appropriate location for their resident workers, or post a notice that the CCR is available upon request.

Every community water system must make its CCR available to the public upon request.

An EPA document, "Preparing Your Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report: Revised Guidance for Water Suppliers," is available online for those who need assistance in preparing a CCR. The document can be found at http://www.epa.gov/safewater.

DEQ staff is also available to review drafts of a CCR. Appointments for the reviewing of drafts may be made with CCR coordinator Julie De la Rosa at 664-8500 prior to June 26. ***(PR)***

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kimberly Marie M. Lizama! Best wishes for you in your future. We're proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, and family.

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Congratulations to Olivia Nell-aka Bea Salazar Serrano. Remember the love of your family and friends. Remember your own sacrifices and hard work. And remember that God has a special plan for your life. God bless you! Greetings come from the Serranos and Quitanos.

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10TH ANNUAL ST. JUDE GOLF TOURNAMENT

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ADDENDUM 1
DPW09-IFB-019

PUERTO RICO DUMP FINAL CLOSURE SAIPAN, MP

1. **General:** The following revisions, additions, corrections, and/or clarifications to the specifications and drawings shall apply to the work affected thereby. Careful note of this Addendum shall be taken by the bidder/contractor, and all trades affected shall be fully advised of the information contained herein. In the event of a conflict between drawings, specifications and this Addendum, the contents of this Addendum shall govern. All further conflicts in the work resulting from, or caused by, the contents of this Addendum must be brought to the attention of the Contracting Officer for resolution. **Failure to acknowledge this bid Addendum in accordance with instructions may subject your bid to rejection on the affected item(s)/service(s).**

2. **Pre-Bid Conference:** A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at ***Thursday, June 11,2009 at 10:00 a.m. local time at the Solid Waste Management Division's Lower Base Transfer Station, Lower Base, Sa/pan, MP.***

3. **All Questions:** All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time ***Thursday, June 18, 2009*** to Mr. Steve Hiney, Contracting Officer's Technical Representative, Lower Base Transfer Station, or fax to (670) 322-2762.

4. **Sealed Bids:** must be marked "DPW09-IFB-019". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. July 6,2009. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notice of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 9:00 a.m. local time July 6, 2009, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-Mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 6, 2009, and must be received no later than July 15, 2009. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

5. **Bid Opening:** Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, July 16,2009, However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids wil1 be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on July 6, 2009

All other requirements of the Invitation for Bids of the project package remain as stated.

/s/ DIEGO B. SONGSONG
Secretary of Public Works

VEHICLES FOR BID

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Kia Sorento LX

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Hyundai Sonata

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please contact
Frank Ermitanio
or John Blas at 235-6044.

Teen Center Summer Programs House of Manhoben

KARIDAT

Now that school is out and summer is in, there's so much time to have FUN! Starting July 07, 2009. The House of Manhoben's Summer Program will kick into gear with all sorts of outdoor activities like sports, fun in the water and even ukulele lessons. So if you're looking for some fun this summer head down to the Karidat, House of Manhoben Teen Center, now and register. So what are you waiting for? Register for the fun before summer is over.

Registration starts June 15, 2009 • Time 1:30pm - 6:30pm • Monday - Friday

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Ages 6-17- Get in the creative mood and learn how you can get crafty with things lying around at home. Be prepared to be inspired and motivated.

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10-17- Learn the basics and fundamentals of one of the most exciting sports today. Basic concepts of Basketball will shared, ability to have fun required.

Bowling
7-17- Get on roll with the "Bowl". Learn the basics rules and techniques of bowling. 1st week.

Canoeing
9-17- Have fun and tone your muscles in the sun. This is the time to learn techniques of paddling.

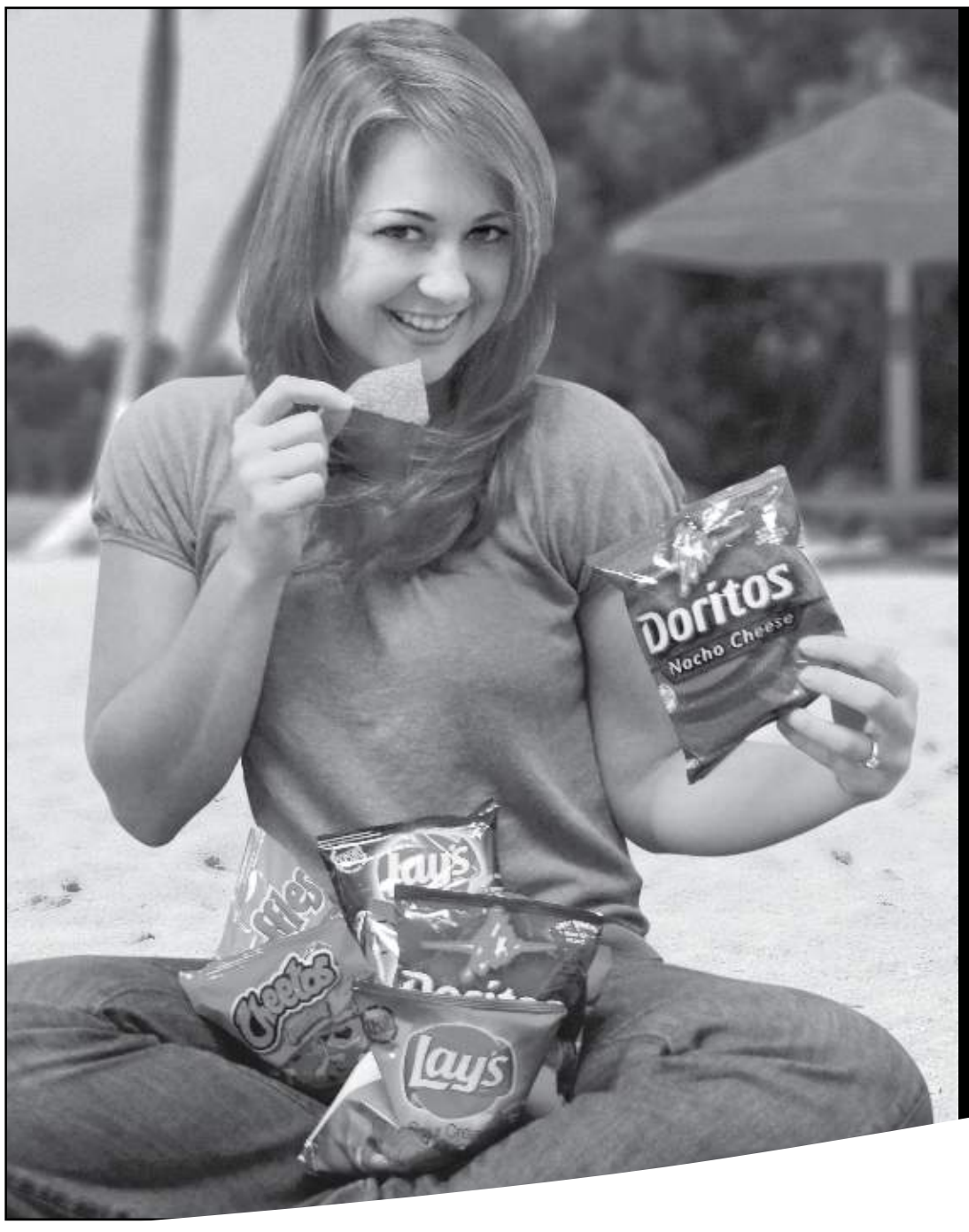
Ukulele
6-17- Learn to play the ukulele so you can start strumming your favorite tunes. Basics of the ukulele will be taught. Participants need to provide ukulele.

Volleyball
10-17- Fundamental aspect of the game will be taught. Girls will be challenge to "Bring it".

Swimming
8-17- What's summer without in the water. If you can't swim, now is the good time to learn and if you can swim, now can be a time to get more tips and have fun in the water.

Bead making
6-17- Gear up to learn the steps of creating one of the most popular traditional work of art.

Camping
The art of getting close to nature.



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Aqua marks RP Independence Day with foodfest

WHAT'S COOKING?

Aqua Resort Club will be celebrating Philippine Independence Day today with its annual Fiesta Filipino Food Festival at its Costa Terrace Restaurant.

Overall restaurant manager Rom Manzon said the Achugao landmark is bringing back the promotion for a 13th straight year to give something back to the Filipino community, which have been very supportive of Aqua Resort all through these years.

"We decided to come up with this promotion to join the Filipino community here on Saipan in celebrating their independence day since we have a lot of Filipino guests who patronize Aqua Resort Club, and also to thank them for always being here even in times of economic crisis," he said.

From 11am to 2pm, the Fiesta Filipino Food Festival will offer the best from the country's fusion of Spanish and Asian fare starting with lechon kawali (crispy pork belly), kare-kare (oxtail, ox tripe, and pork hocks with vegetables), bistik Filipino (beef with onion sauce), pancit palabok (rice noodles with crab fat sauce), pakbet (sautéed mixed vegetables), sinangag (garlic fried rice), and pinasingawang kanin (steamed rice).

Left, Aqua Resort Club overall restaurant manager Rom Manzon is inviting the Filipino community to try its one-day only Fiesta Filipino Food Festival today at its Costa Terrace Restaurant.

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The Fiesta Filipino Food Festival will offer the best from the country's fusion of Spanish and Asian fare.

For the sweet-tooth, Aqua Resort's Pinoy foodfest will also have favorite Filipino desserts like puto, leche flan, cassava, bibingka, ginataan, halo-halo, and assorted tropical fruits.

The Fiesta Filipino Food Festival costs $15 for adults and $7.50 for children under 11 years old. Children 5 years old and below get to eat for free. Aqua Resort also extends 10 percent discount to local diners.

"The management team of Aqua Resort Club will always recognize this event and are here and working for our Filipino clientele, their family, and country," added Manzon.

For reservations, call 322-1234 ext. 731 or 732.

The Philippines celebrates its Independence Day today, June 12. It was not always so, as the country's Independence Day celebration used to fall on July 4 when the United States recognized Philippine independence with the signing of the Treaty of Manila on July 4, 1946.

This changed in Aug. 4, 1964, when Philippine President Diosdado Macapagal, upon the advice of historians and at the urging of nationalist politicians, changed it to June 12.

Today actually marks the 111th year of the country's declaration of independence, which occurred on June 12, 1898, when Filipino revolutionary forces under Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo proclaimed the sovereignty and independence of the Philippine Islands from Spanish colonial rule. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

Free health screening for OFWs

The Philippine Consulate General will be holding its 2nd quarter free health screening for Filipino workers in the CNMI this Sunday, June 14, at the ground floor of Marianas Business Plaza Building. Registration is from 7am to 8am and the screening will be from 8am to 12pm.

According to Consulate General Wilfredo DL. Maximo, this health screening is part of the celebration of the 2009 Philippine Migrant Workers' Day, and will be done in cooperation with the Filipino Volunteer Medical Team and Hardt Eye Clinic.

The medical services to be offered include blood pressure, blood sugar, and vision check-ups. Those who would like to avail of the blood sugar level check-up must refrain from consuming either food or drink from 12am to the time of testing.

During last quarter's health screening, 349 and 81 workers availed of the blood pressure/sugar and vision check-ups, respectively. The project is continuing in order to increase awareness of diabetes prevention and control, hypertension prevention, and eye/vision pressure correction among Filipino workers. ***(PR)***

We extend our congratulations to the Republic of the Philippines and its citizens on the 111th Anniversary of the Philippine Independence.
The Philippines and the CNMI share a common bond, in that both have been liberated by American Forces and exist as free-willed democracies. We also share historical, cultural and economic ties.
Thank you to all Filipino guest workers and those who call the CNMI home for your contributions to our island community, and we wish you all very Happy Independence Day.
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Coast Guard participates in joint typhoon exercise

GUAM—Coast Guard Sector Guam completed this week a two-day exercise focused on increasing typhoon conditions of readiness and culminating in a complete Coast Guard evacuation to a pre-designated alternate work facility.

Working in conjunction with the Navy, Sector Guam completed the transitions from COR 4 (a typhoon that is 72 hours out) to COR 3 (48 hours out), COR 2 (24 hours out), and COR 1 (12 hours out) on the first day. Various steps were taken at each level to secure the base and inform partner agencies of the upcoming weather situation.

On day two, participants relocated all equipment and personnel to another work site.

During severe weather conditions, the Coast Guard closely follows a Heavy Weather Plan for both internal preparations and preparations in the commercial port.

Mariners must closely monitor urgent weather reports during typhoon season and contact the Coast Guard at 564-USCG for maritime assistance. ***(USCG)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Retirement group sets meeting

There will be a special meeting of the newly formed Commonwealth Retirement Association on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 6pm, in the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. The association is made up of all working and retired members of the original Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Program, now referred to as the Defined Benefit Plan. Election of board of directors will take place. For additional information, call 234-6858 or 322-4785. ***(PR)***

Kikbak Band to perform at PAWS WARS

Popular local band Kikbak is set to perform at the PAWS/Beautify CNMI Boonie Dog Show, PAWS WARS Episode 3: Revenge of the Boonie, planned for Saturday afternoon at CPA Airport Field. The band will start playing at 3:30pm. The boonie dog show is set to begin at 4pm sharp.

Pre-registration for the competition is available by downloading a registration form at http://www.paws-saipan.org/. Registration on the day of the event will begin at 3pm. The event is open to the public and the organizers are encouraging everyone to bring chairs and blankets on which to sit. ***(PR)***

Free Red Cross training tomorrow

Typhoon season is here! In preparation for this typhoon season, the American Red Cross will be conducting classes tomorrow, June 13, for all individuals interested in becoming volunteers. The two classes that will be taught this weekend are "Fulfilling our Mission" and "Introduction to Disaster Services."

The classes will be held from 9am to 11:30am at the American Red Cross Office on Airport Road. For more information or to sign up for the class, contact J.D. Tenorio at 234-3459.

In 1995 Public Law 9-63 was passed. This law states that all government employees who are Red Cross volunteers may be granted up to 15 days of administrative leave once activated to help with a relief operation. ***(PR)***

John Gonzales Live schedule for June

June 17, 2009 *LIVE* – Replays 6/21 and 6/25 @ 7-8 pm

■ Amnesty for Pesticide Use: Division of Environmental Quality officials

Shows Air on KSPN Channel 2. *LIVE* Text: 285-META; *LIVE* Call: 287-4230; E-mail: johngonzales@pticom.com. ***(PR)***

Green Meadow School announcement

A. Summer School Program starts on:

■ June 8 – July 3, 2009 (First Session)

■ July 6 – July 31, 2009 (Second Session)

B. SY- 2009- 2010- opens on August 10, 2009

Green Meadow School (Dandan) is now open for:

■ Summer School Program which begins on July 6 - 31, 2009

■ SY 2009-2010 – K-3 only

■ Daycare and After school care

For inquiries call 235-2185/6452. ***(PR)***

Korean Cultural Center offers lessons

The Korean Cultural Center has started offering English-speaking people Korean language school programs. The curriculum consists of five courses—Basic Korean Language, Employee's Korean Language, Traveler's Korean Language, Korean as Second Language 1, KSL 2. The Korean Cultural Center will be giving away for free some of the lessons' electronic files. For more information, contact Daniel Huh at 285-2221 or e-mail at korean2221@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

MHS Class of '89 reunion events

The Marianas High School Class of 1989 is inviting all MHS 89ers to its 20TH class reunion activities.

■ Reunion Mass: Friday, June 12, 2009, at the Kristo Rai Church , at 6pm.

■ Reunion Banquet: Saturday, June 13, 2009, Pacific Islands Club, from 6pm to 11pm, at $25 per person. ***PR)***

Saipan Southern High summer class schedule

Saipan Southern High School will be holding summer school classes from June 22 to July 31, 2009. First session is from 8am to 12pm and second session is from 12:30pm to 4:30pm. Seating is limited and is available on first-come, first served basis. Class is open to all public school students. Please come and see the counselors to register. ***(PR)***

Summer reading program for kids

The Joeten –Kiyu Public Library announces its 2009 Summer Reading Program for children ages 6-12. The theme is "Summer Reading Fun". Free Basic Computer Class is also available for children and adult. Registration is June 9-13 at the library. A parent or guardian is required to register. For the schedule of events, contact the library at 235-7316 or 235-7312. ***(PR)***

MEETING OF COMMONWEALTH RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

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OVERSTAYERS REPORT

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Business

Century Insurance marks first year in PNG

Century Insurance Co., an affiliate company of Tan Holdings, recently celebrated its one-year anniversary of operations in Papua New Guinea.

Century Insurance president David M. Sablan attended the celebration and congratulated the company in its anniversary.

"My congratulations to the hardworking management and staff in the Papua New Guinea office. Century Insurance is proud to extend our reliable insurance services to this nation of six million. We look forward to serving this region and our partners for many more years to come."

Century Insurance (PNG) Limited, began its operations on April 1, 2008, after the Office of Insurance Commission granted it a license to operate in February 2008. The company has 10 staff led by Lorraine Auna-Toule as its general manager and is located in the capital and largest city of the nation, Port Moresby.

Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan said, "This one-year anniversary is a milestone for our company. I'm particularly proud that we've been able to expand internationally to this region of the South Pacific. We continuously look for opportunities to offer our services outside of the Western Pacific to areas throughout the Pacific Rim."

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Century Insurance Co. president David M. Sablan and general manager Nel Matanguihan with CIC-PNG staff during their visit to Port Moresby last May 20-23, 2009 to celebrate CIC-PNG's first anniversary on May 21, 2009. Lorraine Auna-Toule, standing third from right, is the general manager for CIC-PNG.

Century Insurance offers a comprehensive line of general insurance services to meet all personal, business and commercial needs.

For more information on the services offered, contact general manager Nel Matanguihan at (670) 234-0609 or email at nel_matanguihan@cicspn.com or contact Century Insurance Papua New Guinea at AON House Level 1 Macgregor St., Port Moresby, (675) 321 1444. ***(CIC)***

BUSINESS BRIEFS

At new Chrysler, problems of old Chrysler linger

DETROIT (AP)—Chrysler may have been granted a fresh start, but it still faces old problems: how to sell enough cars and realign its fleet away from the trucks and SUVs consumers seem to no longer want or be able to afford. A 42-day stay in bankruptcy court cleansed the company of much of its debt and labor costs, but many analysts say Chrysler's immediate future is bleak. It lost $8 billion in 2008, and sales are down by almost half for the first five months of this year. Chrysler has few new vehicles headed to its drastically reduced network of dealers. Its aging model lineup is still heavy with bigger vehicles, and its offerings in the growing small and midsize markets haven't caught on.

Administration seeks ways to tame corporate pay

WASHINGTON (AP)—Talking tough but stepping gently, the Obama administration rejected direct intervention in corporate pay decisions Wednesday even as officials argued that excessive compensation in the private sector contributed to the nation's financial crisis. Instead, the administration plans to seek legislation that would try to tame compensation at publicly traded companies through shareholder pressure and less management influence on pay decisions. At the same time, the administration drew a sharp line between the overall corporate world and those institutions that have tapped the government's $700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program. The administration issued new regulations Wednesday that set pay limits on companies that receive TARP assistance, with the toughest restrictions aimed at seven recipients of "exceptional assistance." Those firms are Citigroup Inc., Bank of America corp, General Motors Corp, Chrysler, American International Group Inc., GMAC LLC and Chrysler Financial.

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Nation

Gunman shoots, kills guard at Holocaust Museum

WASHINGTON (AP)—An 88-year-old gunman with a violent and virulently anti-Semitic past opened fire with a rifle inside the crowded U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum on Wednesday, fatally wounding a security guard before being shot himself by other officers, authorities said.

The assailant was hospitalized in critical condition, leaving behind a sprawling investigation by federal and local law enforcement and expressions of shock from the Israeli government and a prominent Muslim organization.

Washington Police Chief Cathy Lanier said the gunman was "engaged by security guards immediately after entering the door" with a rifle. "The second he stepped into the building he began firing."

Law enforcement officials said James W. von Brunn, a white supremacist, was under investigation in the shooting and that his car was found near the museum and tested for explosives. The weapon was a .22-caliber rifle, they added. They spoke on condition of anonymity, saying they were not authorized to discuss the investigation just beginning.

When von Brunn was captured he possessed a list he had made of lawmakers on Capitol Hill, according to another law enforcement officer who requested anonymity. The purpose of the list was not immediately clear, the official said.

The dead guard, Stephen Tyrone Johns, 39, was a six-year veteran of the facility who lived in Temple Hills, Md. Museum Director Sara Bloomfield said he "died heroically in the line of duty."

AP

Harold O'Lyngger, 82, speaks to local and federal officials Wednesday, June, 10, 2009 outside the Annapolis, Md.

ACROSS THE NATION

Philly case rekindles debate on vigilante justice

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A dozen neighbors were so outraged by the rape of an 11-year-old girl that they chased a suspect and beat him, holding him until police arrived. Two of them were honored with an $11,500 police union reward even before the beaten man was charged in the girl's assault. Hailed by their community as heroes, none of the neighbors is being charged in the beating. But police officials, acknowledging the fine line between praise and prosecution, warned against vigilante justice in general. Indeed, 25 years after Bernie Goetz spawned a nationwide debate on vigilantism, the case shows how police, prosecutors and the public struggle with whether to punish otherwise law-abiding citizens who take the law into their own hands, often violently.

Man survives NM crash after cold night on mountain

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP)—The helicopter had just swooped in to rescue a stranded hiker in the rough mountains of New Mexico when nearby campers saw a flash of light, then heard a loud crash. Moments later, a dispatcher asked the pilot whether the three aboard were OK, and he radioed back: "Not really." The sleek police copter, designed for just such high-altitude rescue missions, had smashed into the mountain, and the veteran pilot, his spotter and the hiker were thrown into the dark, frigid wilderness. The spotter's right leg was crushed, his back injured. Soon, hypothermia set in. He hunkered down for the night inside the downed chopper with his pilot, Sgt. Andrew Tingwall, within earshot. Through the night, Tingwall and the spotter, Wesley Cox, alternately called out to each other.

Corpse-shortening SC funeral home open for now

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—A South Carolina funeral home where a corpse's legs were cut so the body would fit in a casket can remain open as it appeals the revocation of its license, a judge has ruled. The order issued Tuesday said funeral director Michael Cave and Cave Funeral Home in Allendale could suffer irreparable harm if forced to stay closed until a special state court can hear an appeal next month. The state Funeral Board voted to revoke Cave's license June 1 after he admitted an employee used an electric saw to sever the legs of 6-foot-7 James Hines after he died in 2004.

Top Republican rips Democrats for Sotomayor 'rush'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republicans accused Democrats Wednesday of moving too hastily on Sonia Sotomayor's Supreme Court nomination, warning that the decision could imperil her confirmation as they pressed the judge for more documents from her past. The top Senate Republican blasted Democrats' decision to schedule mid-July hearings for Sotomayor's confirmation, while another senior GOP senator floated the possibility of a filibuster by angry Republicans against President Barack Obama's first high court nominee.

"They want the shortest timeline in recent memory for someone with the longest judicial record in recent memory," said Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the minority leader. "This violates basic standards of fairness and it prevents senators from carrying out one of their most solemn duties."

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, a member of the Judiciary Committee, said many Republicans may end up voting against Sotomayor because they feel they haven't had time to learn enough about her. Others, he said, might decide to protest what they see as unfair treatment with stalling tactics in the Judiciary Committee or on the Senate floor to block her from being confirmed. "I don't think anybody wants to filibuster Judge Sotomayor—I certainly don't want to—but sometimes the only way you can make sure things are fair ... is to invoke some of the rules," Hatch said.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the

Fleeing car hits Philly crowd, killing 3 children

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A car fleeing a robbery scene and being chased by police Wednesday night jumped a curb and crashed into a crowd, killing three young children in front of their home and gravely injuring a woman, authorities said.

"It's a tragedy," police Commissioner Charles Ramsey said.

The incident in Feltonville, a neighborhood of row houses in North Philadelphia, began with two men stealing a motorcycle at gunpoint, Ramsey said. One man fled on the motorcycle, and the other sped away in a car, he said.

Police spotted the car a few minutes after receiving a report of the motorcycle theft and pursued it for about a mile.

The car jumped the curb with such force it badly damaged the concrete steps of one of the row houses, where the children lived. It became wedged between a house and a pole. The woman it hit is the mother of at least one of the dead children, all of whom were under age 10, authorities said.

"It's horrifying to think about what happened," Mayor Michael Nutter said at the scene. "It's a horrific scene."

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Request For Proposals
Project No. CPA-RFP-001-09

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is requesting for proposals for fuel supply (Diesel) to its airport and seaport on the island of Saipan. The contract term will be for one (1) year. Detailed scope of work will be available on May 27, 2009 at the Commonwealth Ports Authority Administration Office (2nd Floor of the Arrival Terminal) at the Saipan International Airport.

Sealed proposals are to be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on or before June 15, 2009 at the Executive Director's/Administration office (2nd Floor of the Arrival Terminal) at the Saipan International Airport.

Questions can be submitted in writing by email or letter to the Executive Director before June 5, 2009.

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PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-002-09

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the Procurement and Delivery of Paint Supplies to the Saipan, Tinian and Rota International Airports.

The scope of work entails the purchase and delivery of brand new paint supplies to each airport. The detailed scope of work and breakdown of paint purchases will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building on Friday, June 12, 2009. Proposers must submit all required documents listed in the scope of work. All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all shipping charges and taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for the Procurement and Delivery of Paint Supplies to the Saipan, Tinian and Rota International Airports". One original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME, THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2009**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a proposal bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ EFRAIN F. CAMACHO, P.E.
Executive Director/Contracting Officer

Date: June 11, 2009

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms to perform construction management services for the Saipan International Airport Runway 07/25 Rehabilitation, Package II Phase II Project, AIP No. 3-69-0002-53/58, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification from firms should address the areas generally described below:

1. Overall construction management experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;
2. Key personnel's professional background and caliber and availability for the proposed services;
3. Firms must have a valid CNMI Business License and the ability to perform the construction management activities in the CNMI; and
4. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable.

Interested firms must submit one (1) original and four (4) copies each of their statements of professional qualifications for each service offered no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, July 10, 2009.**

Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330. Only firms who have established an office in the Commonwealth and a valid business license will be considered.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

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Date: June 9, 2009

Asia

Pakistan appeals for public support on Taliban

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistani officials moved swiftly Wednesday to use the suicide bombing of a luxury hotel in their campaign to build public support for military offensives against the Taliban, saying the country is at war.

Past offensives against Islamist militants have resulted in backlashes as many Pakistanis concluded the only way to end the bloodshed and destruction was for the weak central government to strike a deal with the extremists—which it did as recently as this past spring in the Swat Valley, only to have an emboldened Taliban violate the agreement by seizing an adjacent district.

"This is a war, but the people of this country will not bow to the cowardly acts of terrorists. People are now seeing the real face of those who have been exploiting them in the name of Islam," North West Frontier Province senior minister Bashir Ahmad Bilour Bilour told reporters.

Tuesday's attack on the Pearl Continental hotel in Peshawar killed at least nine people, a week after the Taliban threatened major attacks in large cities to avenge an army offensive to reclaim Swat.

"We will fight this war 'til our last breath," Bilour said. "They cannot break us. The whole nation is united."

Pakistan Information Minister Qamar Zaman Kaira used the same language: "The whole nation is united and backing the government and army in the fight against terrorists," he said in a statement.

That is an overstatement, at least in the rugged, lawless tribal belt where the Taliban and al-Qaida have carved out a sanctuary of entrenched strongholds with at least tacit blessings from tribal elders.

Still, interviews with people on the streets of Pakistan's three largest cities—Peshawar, Karachi and Lahore—found nothing but contempt for the Taliban.

Officials: Clashes in Pakistan tribal area kill 23

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Dozens of militants attacked three army posts in a tribal region that serves as the primary base for Pakistan's Taliban chief, triggering shootouts that left 20 insurgents and three soldiers dead early Thursday, intelligence officials told The Associated Press.

The clashes in South Waziristan, a rugged, remote region along the Afghan border where al-Qaida and the Taliban have long had strongholds, came amid rumblings that the Pakistani military will launch a new offensive there—something that would please U.S. officials who want to eliminate cross-border threats to troops in Afghanistan.

They also came two days after a suicide bombing at a luxury hotel in the main northwest city of Peshawar left nine dead—apparently part of a wave of militant attacks aimed at avenging an army offensive in the northwest Swat Valley.

Army officials say Taliban fighters are attacking soldiers in South Waziristan to distract the military from its operation in Swat, where they say they have killed more than 1,300 militants since late April. But none will rule out an offensive in South Waziristan, the main base for Pakistani Taliban chief Baitullah Mehsud, who is allied with al-Qaida.

Key nations agree on NKorea sanctions

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Western powers reached agreement with North Korea's key allies Wednesday on a proposal that would impose tough new sanctions on the reclusive communist nation's weapons exports and financial dealings, and allow inspections of suspect cargo in ports and on the high seas.

The draft U.N. resolution, which must still be approved by the Security Council, is aimed at preventing North Korea from obtaining and exporting material and know-how to produce nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles, and from getting the money to finance the program.

U.S. Ambassador Susan Rice presented the draft resolution to the 15-member council, calling it "a very strong, very credible" response to North Korea's second nuclear test on May 25 in defiance of a Security Council resolution adopted after its first underground atomic blast in October 2006.

"This sanctions regime if passed by the Security Council will bite, and bite in a meaningful way," she said. "We think that the message that the council will send should it adopt this resolution is that North Korea's behavior is unacceptable, they must pay a price."

The draft comes even as North Korea appears increasingly belligerent about possible sanctions. On Monday, Pyongyang's main Rodong Sinmun newspaper reiterated that the country will consider any sanctions a declaration of war and will respond with "due corresponding self-defense measures," and on Tuesday the country said it would use nuclear weapons in a "merciless offensive" if provoked.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Amnesty says Sri Lanka fails to probe abuses

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—The Sri Lankan government has never seriously investigated human rights abuses allegedly committed during 25 years of civil war and needs to rapidly overhaul its justice system to bring peace to the country, Amnesty International said Thursday. The London-based rights group said the problem was even more urgent in the wake of the government's defeat of the Tamil Tiger rebels last month in a bloody offensive that left more than 7,000 civilians dead, according to the United Nations. Human rights groups and diplomats accused the government of shelling heavily populated civilian areas and said the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam rebel group held thousands of civilians as human shields, shooting those who tried to flee. Both sides denied the accusations.

Myanmar's Suu Kyi tells lawyers to push appeal

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—Lawyers for jailed opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi filed an appeal Thursday to Myanmar's High Court to reinstate two key defense witnesses in a case that could put her in prison for five years. "We will know if the High Court accepts our appeal or not on Friday," said Nyan Win, one of her lawyers. Nyan Win said Suu Kyi gave her legal team instructions to pursue a second appeal during a 1 1/2-hour Wednesday meeting at Insein Prison, where she is being held while on trial for allegedly violating the terms of her house arrest.

US kills militant said linked to Iran's Quds Force

KABUL (AP)—The U.S. military on Wednesday said an airstrike in western Afghanistan killed a militant commander with reported links to Iran's elite military Quds Force. An Afghan official said fighting elsewhere killed 30 Taliban. The airstrike Tuesday in the western province of Ghor targeted a warlord named Mullah Mustafa, whom the U.S. military said was responsible for attacks on a nearby highway. The military said 16 of Mustafa's men were also killed. The U.S. said Mustafa commanded about 100 fighters and "reportedly had connections to" the Iranian Revolutionary Guard's elite Quds Force, which is known to train Shiite militants from Middle Eastern countries.

World

Sub helps in hunt for Air France black boxes

AP

Military of Brazilian Air Force carry a body recovered from the ocean during search operations of the missing Air France flight 447, in Fernando de Noronha island airport, off the northeast coast of Brazil, Tuesday, June 9, 2009.

RECIFE, Brazil (AP)—The urgent hunt for the black boxes of Air France Flight 447 received a boost Wednesday—a French nuclear submarine scoured the search area, listening for the data and voice recorders' pings before they fade away.

Brazilian searchers in charge of recovering floating bodies and debris said the surface search area widened into Senegalese waters. Ocean currents have pushed the remnants far and wide since the jet went down May 31 with 228 people on board.

The black boxes provide the best hope of unraveling why the Airbus A330-200 aircraft apparently broke up in midair and plunged into sea.

With more punishing ocean storms hitting the area as early as Thursday and the possibility that the boxes could have come to rest amid jagged underwater mountains, finding them is a formidable task.

"There are big uncertainties about the accident site, the ocean floor is rugged ... so it's going to be very difficult," French armed forces spokesman Christophe Prazuck told France-Info radio. "It's going to be very complicated and we're going to need a lot of luck."

WHO gets ready declare a swine flu pandemic

GENEVA (AP)—The World Health Organization is gearing up to declare a swine flu pandemic, a move that could trigger both the large-scale production of vaccines and questions about why the step was delayed for weeks as the virus continued to spread.

On Wednesday, WHO chief Dr. Margaret Chan quizzed eight countries with large swine flu outbreaks to see if a pandemic, or global epidemic, should be declared. After Chan's teleconference, the agency announced that an emergency meeting with its flu experts would be held Thursday.

Since swine flu first emerged in Mexico and the United States in April, it has spread to 74 countries around the globe. On Wednesday, WHO reported 27,737 cases including 141 deaths. Most cases are mild and require no treatment.

The world is in phase 5 of WHO's pandemic alert scale, meaning a global outbreak is imminent. Moving to phase 6, the highest level, means a pandemic has begun. If that declaration is made, it will push drugmakers to fast-track production of a swine flu vaccine.

Chan says she personally believes that a pandemic is under way, but was seeking clear proof that swine flu is spreading rapidly from person to person outside the Americas before declaring a global epidemic.

WORLD BRIEFS

Ahmadinejad lashes out at rival before Iran vote

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran's hard-line president took a final shot at his rivals Wednesday during his last public pre-election rally, accusing them of resorting to a smear campaign against him similar to the one used by Adolf Hitler's propaganda minister. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is locked in a neck-and-neck race against reformist Mir Hossein Mousavi. Both have launched intense political attacks against each other and have turned the presidential election into a display of Iran's deep political divides. Heightening the tension before the race, a top official of Iran's hard-line elite Revolutionary Guards accused Ahmadinejad's reformist opponents of seeking to launch a "velvet revolution"—alluding to the 1989 ouster of the Communist government of then-Czechoslovakia—and vowing to crush any such attempts.

Car bomb in Iraq kills about 30 people

BAGHDAD (AP)—A car bomb blew up Wednesday in a packed outdoor food market in one of the most peaceful areas of Iraq's Shiite south, killing about 30 people and wounding dozens more. The blast raised fears that militants may be planning more strikes in remote, poorly secured areas, seeking to stretch Iraq's security services as they take on a bigger role in Baghdad and other flashpoint cities. Angry townspeople swarmed around police in the wake of the attack, cursing and blaming them for failing to prevent the bombing. No group claimed responsibility for the explosion, which occurred during the morning shopping period in Bathaa, a small Euphrates River town near Nasiriyah about 200 miles (320 kilometers) southeast of Baghdad.

Londoners struggle to work amid subway strike

LONDON (AP)—Londoners squeezed onto overcrowded buses, boarded river boats, pedaled bikes or walked in the rain Wednesday—as thousands of subway workers went on strike and drove the capital to transportation chaos. Tempers frayed as buses struggled through heavier-than-normal rush-hour traffic. Cyclists swerved between cars, and commuters like Steven McCartney studied bus maps as they tried to plot a way to work. "I don't really know where I am, where I'm going or how I am going to get back," the 38-year-old management consultant said.

Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Bakery allegedly discards employee's severed arm

MADRID (AP)—A Spanish trade union is suing a bakery that allegedly threw the severed arm of an employee into a bin after it was amputated in an accident with a kneading machine. The Workers Commissions said in a statement Wednesday that Bolivian immigrant Franns Rilles lost his left arm in May 28 at the Rovira bakery in the eastern Valencia region. The union said that while Rilles was being taken to a hospital someone tossed his arm into the garbage. It says the bakery then cleaned the machinery and continued production. Police found the arm the next day, the union said, but doctors were unable to reattach it.

Man accused of urinating on people at festival

FERNDALE, Mich. (AP)—A 31-year-old Detroit man faces a misdemeanor assault and battery charge after allegedly urinating on several people during an annual gay pride event. The Daily Tribune of Royal Oak reported the man had been drinking and was upset that he was splashed with water aimed at street dancers Sunday during the Motor City Pride Festival. Police Lt. William Wilson said "he may have wanted to take revenge," turned and urinated on the leg of a man standing next to him. The Detroit Free Press reports two other people were sprayed in the process.

Money too funny: Argentine court forgives forgery

BUENOS AIRES (AP)—An Argentine man who tried to use two counterfeit bills has been found innocent, by reason of incompetence. A federal court in Buenos Aires says the forged bills presented by Marcos Ribles were "so clumsy and crude" that "they could not be accepted by most people." The court says the 65-year-old man tried to pass a false 100-peso Argentine note, nominally worth about $26, as well as a false U.S. $50 bill. Judges say the counterfeit bills had such shoddy printing and poor-quality paper that nobody could be fooled.

Police say holdup man left address, name at scene

KENTWOOD, Mich. (AP)—Police in Michigan say a man who held up a gas station left behind a major clue—a piece of paper bearing a name and address. Police said they went to the address and arrested a 42-year-old suspect. The holdup took place Tuesday at a Speedway station in the Grand Rapids suburb of Kentwood. Police told The Grand Rapids Press the robber told the station clerk he had a gun. He appeared to be holding a weapon beneath a piece of paper. After getting cash, the man dropped the paper and ran when the clerk made a move toward him. Officers said the address on the paper was for a Grand Rapids apartment. They arrested the suspect when he arrived about an hour after the robbery. The gun turned out to be a homemade fake.

Detroit triplet celebrates birth of own set of 3

DETROIT (AP)—A Detroit triplet is celebrating the birth of her own set of three. Amber Ali delivered Amir, Armann and Amari Whitaker on May 26 at Sinai-Grace Hospital in Detroit. The 23-year-old told columnist Neal Rubin with The Detroit News she's relieved the boys arrived safely. The children remain hospitalized, and Ali says she's looking forward to playing with them. She says: "It's going to be fun." Amir was 4 pounds, 5 ounces at birth; Amari was 4 pounds, 3 ounces; and Armann was 3 pounds, 12 ounces. The babies' 25-year-old father, Andre Whitaker, says that naming the triplets "took forever The couple live with Whitaker's mother in Detroit.

Good Samaritan mugged while helping Mich. motorist

SALINE TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP)—For one man, no good deed went unpunished after he was mugged while stopping to help a female motorist. The Washtenaw County sheriff's department told The Ann Arbor News and the Detroit Free Press the man stopped his car around 2:30 a.m. Sunday. While attempting to remove a spare tire from the trunk of the distressed vehicle, a man hit him over the head with a bottle. While the good Samaritan lay prone, he was struck repeatedly with a cord-like object before the man and woman left the scene. The victim was released the same day from Saline Hospital after being treated for minor head injuries.

Alleged 'shopping' therapist surrenders license

GOLDEN VALLEY, Minn. (AP)—A psychologist has surrendered her license to practice after she was accused of taking a patient shopping and traveling, then billing the activities as therapy. The Minnesota Board of Psychology said 68-year-old Judith Henderson charged more than $300,000 in fees to the patient over 10 years. According to the board, Henderson violated her professional relationship with the patient by going on trips together, shopping and going on social outings she billed as therapy.

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Science & Technology

Friday is final curtain for analog TV signals

NEW YORK (AP)—The last major TV stations that are still broadcasting in analog will turn those signals off Friday and go all digital. And this time, they really mean it. The original Feb. 17 deadline for the shutdown was delayed by the Obama administration after funding ran out for $40 coupons the government offered to help people buy converter boxes for old TVs.

Now officials say the country is much better prepared than in February, though they still expect some viewers to be confused.

About 3.1 million U.S. homes were unprepared to receive digital signals as of late last month, according to the Nielsen Co. That's half the number that were unprepared in February, and the number will probably decline further by Friday, as procrastinators get around to replacing old TVs or hooking them up to converter boxes or cable or satellite service.

AP

In this June 5, 2009 photo, digital television converter boxes are on display at Radio Shack in Gloucester, Mass.

Some people may believe the analog shutdown will be put off once again. But President Barack Obama debunked that with a statement last week: "I want to be clear: There will not be another delay."

Because digital signals are more efficient than the analog TV broadcasts that have been on the air for six decades, the transition will make room in the airwaves for wireless Internet and emergency communications services.

Nearly half of the nation's 1,760 full-power TV stations have already cut their analog signals, though they are mostly in thinly populated areas.

Come Friday, older, non-digital TV sets will lose all major channels unless they have an antenna and a converter box that allows them to accept digital signals, or if they are hooked up to cable or satellite.

A few low-power analog stations and rural relay stations known as "translators" will still be available in some areas. And about 100 stations will keep an analog "night light" on, informing viewers of the need to switch to digital reception.

The Federal Communications Commission has given stations freedom to decide what time of day they will be shutting down analog. Many have opted to do it in the evening, meaning the full impact will not be felt until Saturday.

Groundwork for the analog shutdown has been laid with a massive public information campaign, but getting the whole country to understand what's going on has been a challenge.

Moe Shakkour, manager of an independent electronics store in a largely Hispanic area of New York City, said people have come in with converter box coupons, without knowing what they are for, or that analog TV signals are going away.

Other stores are also reporting antenna shortages, and antenna issues in general could be another problem for the transition.

Facebook, like MySpace, lets users show full name

NEW YORK (AP)—Facebook is further embracing the real name culture it touts as one of its founding principles—and catching up with rival MySpace in the process.

Starting at 12:01 a.m. EDT on Saturday, the popular online hangout's millions of users will be able to claim a name to use as part of their profile page's Web address—as in http://facebook.com/janedoe . Currently Facebook assigns each profile a string of numerals over which users have no control.

Fan pages for businesses, brands and celebrities will be able to adopt such names, too, but they had to have been on the site by May 31, with at least 1,000 "fans" at that time.

Facebook said people will be able to choose the names on a first-come, first-served basis, so if your name is John Smith and not, say, Blaise DiPersia (a Facebook designer who posted about the changes on the site's blog), it might be a good idea to stake one out early.

To avoid "squatting" on popular names, only users who joined Facebook before 3 p.m. Tuesday will be able to sign up for usernames on Saturday. Everyone else will have to wait until June 28.

In allowing such names, Facebook is playing catch-up with News Corp.-owned MySpace, which has let its users pick their own monikers since its 2004 launch. MySpace says about 90 percent of its active users have set up such "vanity URLs."

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HELP FILE

By ROB PEGORARO
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Q: My digital-television reception has gotten iffy. What should I do to fine-tune it before analog TV goes off the air on Friday?

A: Nothing. At this point, you might as well give it a rest until after June 12. When analog TV signals go off the air at the end of that day, many broadcasters will make upgrades to their digital signals—and then you'd have to redo any antenna adjustments.

The biggest changes will come as a minority of stations move their digital signals to airwaves now occupied by their analog broadcasts.

You won't have to learn new channel numbers, but you will need to have your TV, converter box or video recorder rescan the airwaves to pick up these and other signal shifts. Usually, you'd do that by pressing the remote control's "menu" button and then navigating to its channel-setup screen.

Look up possible changes in reception at dtv.gov, a site run by the Federal Communications Commission. Click the "Reception Maps" link on that site and enter an address, city or Zip code to get an interactive map showing what stations you should be able to pick up—listed from the strongest to the weakest signal—after June 12. You can also click on a station's call sign to see more details about its digital transition, including a link to a "Gain/Loss Map" plotting its predicted coverage changes.

If you still have reception issues after a week, then consider upgrading antennas. (See hdtvexpert.com for tests of some recent indoor and outdoor antennas; hdtvantennalabs.com can be another good resource.) If you're more than 10 miles or so from a station, you might also benefit from a model that can boost your signal strength.

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Q: I got a "Postmaster Delivery Status Notification" saying I sent an e-mail to a strange address. How could this happen?

A: The odds are that this reader's computer didn't get hacked—for one thing, it's a Mac, and there's very little Mac malware afoot.

It's more likely that another computer, on which the reader's e-mail address was saved, got hit with a virus. That virus, in turn, used the reader's e-mail as a fake return address on spam sent from this computer. When some of those junk messages bounced, the notification went to the return address.

But you shouldn't assume that you're fine if you get one of these bounce messages. If you have anti-virus software, use it to scan your system for trouble. Also, check your sent mailbox and make sure that you don't have anything in there that you didn't write yourself. If you also access your account through a Web-mail interface, make sure there's no spam in the Web sent mailbox; the Web system could have been compromised if you logged into it on an already-hacked machine.

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Q: I may need to move files between a Mac and a PC. What are the disk formats I should consider?

A: The simplest option is the one used on most removable disks in Windows, FAT32 (those letters stand for "File Allocation Table"). Macs and PCs can read and write disks in this format. Almost all internal Windows disks, however, use a higher-capacity version called NTFS ("NT File System"); Macs can read that but need help from extra software, such as the free MacFUSE, to write to it.

Macs, in turn, employ a disk format known as HFS ("Hierarchical File System") Plus. Windows can neither read nor write to it without the assistance of such software as the $49.95 MacDrive.

SAIPAN COMMUTER TERMINAL
PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM INSTALLATION
PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-009-09
DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES

1st AMENDED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the Design and Installation of a Public Address System at the Saipan Commuter Terminal at the airport on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The proposals shall include the following:

- Letter of Interest;
- Design and installation timeframe;
- Project Approach;
- Design-Build Construction Team;
- Available resources to accomplish project;
- Cost Proposal (in itemized scope of work format);
- Valid CNMI Business License;
- Related past project performance;
- List of completed similar projects;
- List of experienced personnel and résumé's; and
- Proof of insurance requirements as provided in Proposal Package.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for the Saipan Commuter Terminal Public Address System Installation– Design/Build Services". The proposal must be submitted no later than **4:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2009**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

An on-site pre-proposal meeting will be conducted and interested proposers are required to attend. No proposals from non-attendees will be accepted. The on-site pre-proposal meeting will be held on ~~June 9, 2009 at 10:00 am~~ at the Saipan Commuter Terminal Building, Saipan Airport.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a proposal bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Proposers shall also submit a statement of qualifications which should include résumés and experience of personnel that will be directly in charge of the project. Note that either party of the design consultant/contractor team that submits a proposal cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different design/build teams.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax as well as associated costs for airport security badges.

The Project is being financed by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold the contract award for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of receipt of proposals.

The contract period for design and replacement will be based on the contractor's proposal. However, liquidated damages of $500.00 shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without excuse.

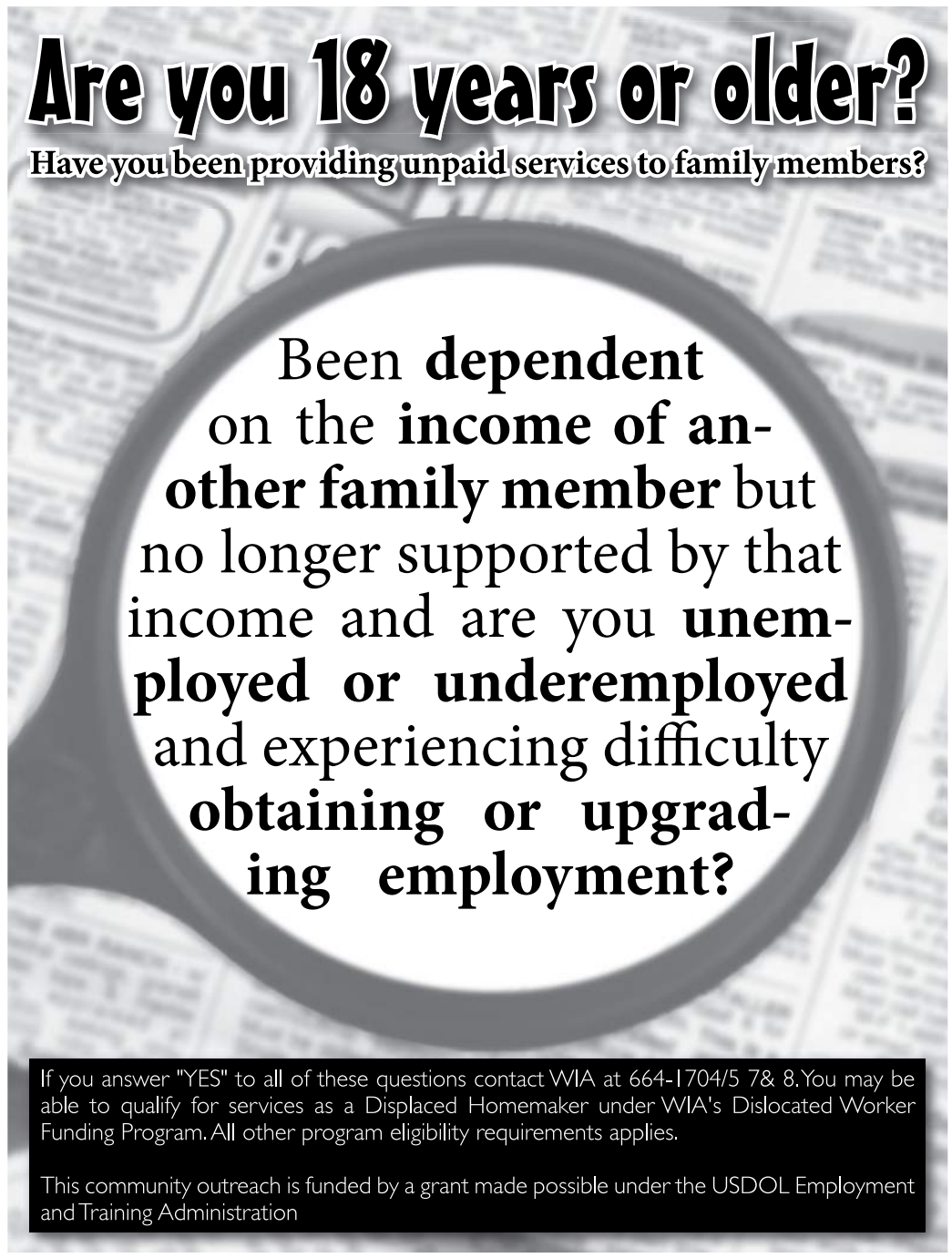
This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 3.6. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MR. EFRAIN F. CAMACHO, P.E.
Executive Director/Contracting Officer

Date: June 10, 2009


Are you 18 years or older?
Have you been providing unpaid services to family members?
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If you answer "YES" to all of these questions contact WIA at 664-1704/5 7& 8. You may be able to qualify for services as a Displaced Homemaker under WIA's Dislocated Worker Funding Program. All other program eligibility requirements applies.
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INVITATION FOR BID
IFB 09-023

"Desktop Computers for Kagman High School"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education arc soliciting competitive scaled bids for the purchase of **Desktop Computers for Kagman High School**. The Scope of Work is available at PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund building. Capitol Hill. Saipan, MP 96950

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked **"IFB 09-023"** containing one (1) original with Three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950. no later than **June 17, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.,** at which time bids, will be publicly opened, Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstance.

Questions shall be in writing addressed to Robert Florian, Procurement & Supply Officer or Email to the following address: **florian@saipan.com**

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Life & Style

Donald Trump ousts Prejean as Miss California

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Miss California USA Carrie Prejean, who stirred up trouble for herself when she said gays shouldn't be allowed to marry, got two dreaded words from pageant poobah Donald Trump on Wednesday: "You're fired." Trump and other pageant leaders said Prejean was being sacked not because of the remarks but because she hadn't been holding up her end of the agreement she signed when she entered the pageant.

"Carrie is a beautiful young woman and I wish her well as she pursues her other interests," Trump said.

Prejean spokeswoman Melany Ethridge declined to comment, saying she hadn't been able to reach the former beauty queen since the announcement of her ouster.

"This was a decision based solely on contract violations, including Ms. Prejean's unwillingness to make appearances on behalf of the Miss California USA organization," the California pageant's executive director, Keith Lewis, said in a statement.

He had complained at a news conference last month that Prejean was skipping Miss California USA events while speaking out against gay marriage at unsanctioned appearances.

Prejean

After the complaints reached Trump, who owns Miss California USA's parent organization, the mogul decided to give her a second chance and keep her on. On Wednesday, he changed his mind.

"I told Carrie she needed to get back to work and honor her contract with the Miss California USA Organization and I gave her the opportunity to do so," Trump said in a statement. "Unfortunately it just doesn't look like it is going to happen."

Pageant officials said Prejean would be replaced by the Miss California pageant's first runner-up, Tami Farrell, 24, who was crowned Miss Teen USA in 2003. They had announced last month that Farrell was being named a special ambassador to fill in for Prejean at any events she didn't attend.

During the Miss USA competition, Prejean was first runner-up after answering a judge's question about gay marriage by saying wedding vows should be reserved for men and women.

"No offense to anybody out there, but that's how I was raised," she said.

After the response drew heavy criticism she began speaking to crowds opposed to gay marriage, violating a section of her contract that required she clear unsanctioned appearances with pageant officials. About the same time, seminude photos of her began to surface on the Internet.

Although the photos were mild, pageant officials said she also violated her contract by not disclosing their existence to them.

When Trump initially decided to keep Prejean on, Lewis' co-executive director, former Miss USA Shanna Moakler resigned in protest.

"My faith has been restored in the Miss Universe Organization and with Donald Trump," Moakler said in a statement after Wednesday's announcement. She didn't say whether she planned to return to the organization.

Oklahoma City police probe Alba link to vandalism

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Jessica Alba ... a vandal?

Photos have surfaced that appear to show her defacing Oklahoma City property with posters of a great white shark, and police are investigating.

Police discovered the posters—aimed at raising awareness about the species' declining numbers—glued to a downtown bridge and elsewhere, including a billboard displaying a United Way advertisement.

Police Sgt. Gary Knight said Wednesday that investigators have not interviewed Alba, who co-starred in the "Fantastic Four" movies as well as "Sin City" and "Good Luck Chuck." She's in Oklahoma filming "The Killer Inside Me," which co-stars Casey Affleck and Kate Hudson. (A 1976 adaptation of the Jim Thompson novel starred Stacy Keach.)

Telephone messages left with Alba's lawyer and publicist were not returned Wednesday, but the 28-year-old actress released a statement to apologize.

Alba

"I got involved in something I should have had no part of," Alba said. "I realize that I should have used better judgment, and I regret not thinking things through before I made a spontaneous and ill-advised decision to let myself get involved with the people behind this campaign. I sincerely apologize to the citizens of Oklahoma City and to the United Way for my involvement in this incident."

Photos that apparently show Alba gluing posters and posing before the defaced billboard were posted to the site of blogger White Mike, but later removed. According to the site, the posters are designed to raise awareness of the dwindling population of great white sharks.

A statement posted to the site Wednesday read: "International pressure is the only way to do it and that starts in Oklahoma, the heartland of America."

An official with the city's Parks and Recreation Department reported the incident to police Monday after spotting the posters and the photos on the Internet. Alba's name is redacted from the police report because she has not been arrested or charged with any crime, Knight said.

United Way of Central Oklahoma President Bob Spinks said Wednesday the group accepts Alba's apology.

"Just as she is passionate about her cause, we are passionate about serving the people of central Oklahoma," Spinks said. "The interesting thing about this is with our fundraising campaign kicking off today, it's been sort of a funny thing that this has happened at this particular point.

"This is probably the best unearned media we've had in a long time."

Under Oklahoma law, maliciously defacing property can be a felony punishable by prison time if the value of the damage exceeds $1,000 or more.

Estimates of the damage are between $500 and $700, said Kristy Yager, a spokeswoman for the city.

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In-Laws: +Takashi & +Shigeru Nakanishi
Brothers/Sisters & In-Laws: +Ricardo Jr. Manalili, +Rosalia Manalili, +Juliana M. & +Alfredo Domingo, +Oscar Siat, +Salvador & Consuelo Manalili
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Sayoko, Katsuko, Tokiko, and Fusae Nakanishi, Miyoko and Dr. Yoshitada Mitomi.
He is additionally survived by numerous cousins, nephews, and nieces.
Daily Mass is offered at the Kristo Rai Church at 6:00 a.m. through June 18, together with the
2nd Death Anniversary for our beloved "MA"
Michiyo Evangelina Nakanishi Manalili.
On the final day, June 18, 2009, the Joint Memorial and Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at the Mount Carmel Cathedral at 10:00a.m. Interment will follow at the Chalan Kanoa cemetery.
Your presence, thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.
Si Yuus Maase, Thank you, Maraming Salamat Po, Domo Arigato
From the Family

'Revenge' should be sweet for director Bay

By CLAUDIA ELLER and BEN FRITZ
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HOLLYWOOD—The opening of "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" is still two weeks away, but Hollywood executives are already speculating that it could be the biggest movie of the summer. It also could yield one of the richest paydays ever for a director.

Michael Bay agreed to forgo his normal upfront directing fee and cut of ticket sales in exchange for a bigger piece of total profits from all revenue sources once the studio, Paramount Pictures, recoups its costs. This kind of deal is increasingly common in Hollywood as studios attempt to avoid situations in which they lose money on a film or eke out a tiny profit while big-name talent walks away with tens of millions of dollars, as happened with Paramount's "Mission: Impossible III" and its star Tom Cruise.

Bay, who is also an executive producer on the movie, cut a similar deal on the first "Transformers" in 2007 and walked off with about $75 million after the sci-fi film grossed $708 million worldwide and became one of the year's top DVD sellers.

He is among a handful of Hollywood directors and producers, including Steven Spielberg, Peter Jackson and Jerry Bruckheimer, who are paid top dollar for the movies they make. His credits include such hits as "Armageddon," "The Rock," "Pearl Harbor" and the "Bad Boys" films, as well as 2005's costly miss "The Island."

Although Bay won't start earning his share as quickly because "Revenge of the Fallen" cost more than the original, he ultimately could make even more of a killing.

Several executives who have seen the latest audience tracking surveys for "Revenge of the Fallen," which debuts June 24, are predicting a five-day domestic opening exceeding $160 million. That would beat "Spider-Man 2," which hauled in $152 million in 2004 to become the record holder for a five-day opening by a film debuting on a Wednesday.

With a familiar brand that dates to the '80s line of alien robot toys that can turn into cars, trucks and airplanes; hot young stars Shia LaBeouf and Megan Fox; and over-the-top special effects, "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" is drawing interest from nearly all moviegoers. It appears to be particularly popular with young people, the ones who go to theaters most often.

The film is opening simultaneously in nearly all major foreign territories. If it follows the pattern of the first film, it will earn even more money internationally than in the U.S. and Canada.

The original "Transformers" earned 55 percent of its box-office revenue overseas.

Tracking is never a surefire indicator of a film's performance, of course. But it's rare when a movie is the most anticipated offering three weeks from its opening—which "Transformers" was last week.

The picture has a good shot at being the summer's top-grossing worldwide hit. Warner Bros.' July 15 release of "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" is the only other likely competitor.

That probably will mean very healthy profits for Paramount, which laid out just under $200 million to produce the sequel and is investing between $150 million and $175 million to market and distribute it globally. The studio paid $155 million to produce the original "Transformers."

Beyond Bay, no other talent is participating in the movie's profit pool. LaBeouf earned a flat fee of around $5 million. He received about $500,000 on the first movie.

Spielberg, who worked closely with Bay on both "Transformers" movies, gets no money for his services. That's because when Paramount bought Spielberg's DreamWorks in 2006, he agreed to be compensated only for movies he directed, but not the ones he produced, under his company's banner.

Chris Brown loses bid to delay hearing

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Chris Brown lost a bid to delay a preliminary hearing in his assault case, which his attorney argued should wait for a related California Supreme Court decision.

Brown's attorney, Mark Geragos, filed an appeal earlier this month to try to delay the R&B singer's preliminary hearing, now scheduled for June 22.

Two justices from California's Second District Court of Appeal signed an order Wednesday rejecting the arguments. The order did not give a reason why.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Patricia Schnegg last month rejected a bid by Geragos to get access to police records that the attorney argued were crucial to the hearing. Geragos' appeal states that a state Supreme Court case currently under consideration could affect Brown's access to the records and he was seeking a delay on those grounds.

AP

In this Feb. 7, 2009 file photo, Chris Brown arrives at the Clive Davis pre-Grammy party in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Geragos argued that if the Supreme Court ruled defendants have access to certain police files before the preliminary hearing, as opposed to afterward—as is currently the case—then Brown could be subjected to "the expense and degradation of two preliminary hearings."

Geragos did not immediately return a call seeking comment on Wednesday. He has repeatedly argued that he should be able to see police personnel files, as well as records related to an investigation into the leak of a photo that appeared to show a bruised and beaten Rihanna.

Brown is accused of beating then-girlfriend Rihanna after a pre-Grammy party in February. Schnegg will decide at the preliminary hearing later this month whether there is enough evidence to continue the case against Brown.

Rihanna could be called as a witness during that hearing.

Mug shot shows bald Phil Spector

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A mug shot of Phil Spector released Wednesday reveals that prison has been a hair-raising experience for the legendary music producer.

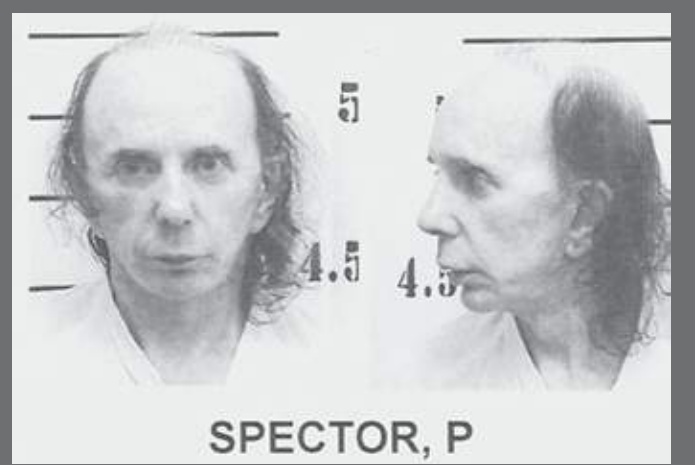
Spector, known for his many elaborate hairstyles over the years, had to abandon his wigs after being sentenced last month to 19 years to life for killing actress Lana Clarkson.

The mug shot, which shows a bald-pated Spector with long stringy hair on the sides, was taken on June 5 as part of the routine intake process in the prison system.

"They took my husband's freedom and dignity. So why not his hair?" said Spector's wife Rachelle, who had previously suggested that her husband's thick mane of hair was his own.

"This is a personal matter," she said. "But in case you don't know, they don't allow for much accessorizing while in prison."

Spector, 69, was convicted of second-degree murder in the 2003 death of Clarkson at his castle-like home in Alhambra. Spector had two trials with essentially the same evidence. The first ended in a jury deadlock.



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This photo released by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation shows music producer Phil Spector on Friday, June 5, 2009, in prison in Kern County, Calif.

He is being processed and evaluated at North Kern State Prison in Delano before being sent to his final prison destination. Regulations forbid wigs and hairpieces unless they are deemed medically necessary.

Gordon Hinkle, deputy press secretary for the Department of Corrections, said the photo was distributed to the media and social networking sites including Twitter because of a department policy aimed at transparency in public information.

Hal Lifson, Spector's publicist, said his client is wearing a Jewish yarmulke—or skull cap—in his cell and is conferring regularly with a prison rabbi and receives kosher food at mealtimes.

In his heyday in the early and mid-1960s, Spector produced dozens of hits, including The Ronette's "Be My Baby," The Crystals' "Da Doo Ron Ron" and The Righteous Brothers' classic, "You've Lost that Lovin' Feelin.'" Spector also worked on the Beatles album "Let It Be" and John Lennon's album, "Imagine."

NJ promoter sues Michael Jackson, alleging breach

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—A New Jersey concert promoter has sued entertainer Michael Jackson for $40 million for allegedly breaching a contract to play a reunion concert with other family members.

In a lawsuit filed Wednesday in federal court in Manhattan, Allgood Entertainment claims it made a deal with Jackson's then-manager to produce a reunion concert with the Jackson family this summer and possibly a pay-per-view Jackson family reunion event.

The deal called for Jackson not to perform elsewhere before the event or for at least three months after it. The lawsuit says Jackson, manager Frank DiLeo and event promoter AEG broke the contract by signing to do a series of concerts in London this summer, which may also include a pay-per-view event.

According to the lawsuit, AEG knew of the agreement between AllGood, Dileo and Jackson, "but due to their dominance and power in the live performance industry, coerced and/or induced Dileo and Jackson to disregard the agreements with AllGood and to work with it instead."

"We've given Michael Jackson and AEG every opportunity, publicly and privately, to resolve this matter and to date we have not heard from anyone," said Patrick Allocco, Allgood managing partner.

Allocco said the last contact with either camp was May 22 in Beverly Hills.

Representatives for Jackson and AEG could not immediately be reached Wednesday.

Allgood attorney Ira Meyerowitz said the company isn't looking to stop Jackson from performing.

"What were looking for," Meyerowitz said, "is for our clients to be involved in the London concerts or be compensated for agreements they entered into."

Conan is losing ground

HOLLYWOOD—On June 1, the premiere of "The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien" began with a filmed piece that found the tall, skinny host, dressed in suit and tie, sprinting across America to reach his new studio in Los Angeles.

But O'Brien might need to pick up the pace. After a strong start in the ratings, "Tonight" is already slipping behind CBS' "Late Show With David Letterman," the rival program that O'Brien's predecessor Jay Leno defeated handily for years.

On Tuesday night, Letterman edged past O'Brien in the overnight household ratings (3.4 rating/8 share versus 2.9 rating/7 share) for the first time since O'Brien took over his show, according to data from Nielsen Media Research. More troubling for NBC, "Tonight" has also lost significant chunks of audience with each airing since the premiere, when it scored a hefty 7.1 rating/17 share. "Tonight's" numbers since late last week have been well below Leno's overnight average during the first three months of this year (4.1 rating/10 share). Letterman's numbers, meanwhile, are landing within his usual range (3.0 rating/7 share for the first quarter).

Those figures don't tell the whole story, though. O'Brien's premiere was heavily promoted, so a steep drop-off in viewers afterward was to be expected. Also, the NBA Finals on ABC have disrupted some local programming around the country. And maybe most important, while Leno's audience skewed old for a late-night program, NBC points out that O'Brien is strongest among young adults. It won't be clear how well the host is hanging on to those viewers until the complete ratings for O'Brien's first week are published Thursday. ***(Los Angeles Times)***

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Mon		4:25	7:20	
Tues thru Thurs	1:30	4:25	7:20	

Eddie Murphy, Yara Shahidi
Family-Oriented Comedy • Rated PG

Synopsis
Like many busy professionals, Evan Danielson (Eddie Murphy) is so focused on his career that quality time with his young daughter, Olivia (Yara Shahidi), has fallen by the wayside. When an important promotion is suddenly within reach, stressed-out Evan starts to fall apart while trying to fend off his company rival (Thomas Haden Church) . But when little Olivia introduces him to the inhabitants of her imaginary land, Evan rediscovers his inner child and finds the answers to all his problems.

Taking of Pelham 123

Friday		4:20	7:05	9:50
Saturday	1:20	4:20	7:05	9:50
Sunday	1:20	4:20	7:05	
Mon		4:20	7:05	
Tues thru Thurs	1:20	4:20	7:05	

Denzel Washington, John Travolta
Thriller • Rated R

Synopsis
A New York City subway dispatcher draws on his extensive knowledge of the subway system in order to outsmart a dangerous criminal mastermind who's hijacked a subway train in this remake of the 1974 thriller inspired by John Godey's best-selling book. Walter Garber (Denzel Washington) was drifting through his daily routine when he received word that a heavily armed gang of four has hijacked a subway train and are holding all of the passengers hostage.

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Land of the Lost

Friday		4:00	7:00	9:45
Saturday	1:00	4:00	7:00	9:45
Sunday	1:00	4:00	7:00	
Mon		4:00	7:00	
Tues thru Thurs	1:00	4:00	7:00	

Will Farrell, Anna Friel
Adventure, Family, Fantasy • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
Has-been scientist Dr. Rick Marshall, is a man with no weapons, few skills and questionable smarts who must survive an alternate universe full of marauding dinosaurs and fantastic creatures from beyond our world. Marshall has been sucked through a space-time vortex to a place of spectacular sights known as the Land of the Lost. Coming along with him for the adventure are crack-smart research assistant Holly and a redneck souvenirist named Will.

The Hangover

Friday		4:30	7:25	9:30
Saturday	1:25	4:30	7:25	9:30
Sunday	1:25	4:30	7:25	
Mon		4:30	7:25	
Tues thru Thurs	1:25	4:30	7:25	

Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms
Comedy • Rated R

Terminator Salvation

Friday		4:15	7:30	10:00
Saturday	1:10	4:15	7:30	10:00
Sunday	1:10	4:15	7:30	
Mon		4:15	7:30	
Tues thru Thurs	1:10	4:15	7:30	

Christian Bale, Sam Worthington
Action, Sci-Fi • Rated PG 13

Up

Friday		4:05	7:10	9:35
Saturday	1:05	4:05	7:10	9:35
Sunday	1:05	4:05	7:10	
Mon		4:05	7:10	
Tues thru Thurs	1:05	4:05	7:10	

Ed Asner, Jordan Nagai
Comedy, Adventure, Family • Rated PG

Night at the Museum 2

Friday		4:10	7:15	9:40
Saturday	1:15	4:10	7:15	9:40
Sunday	1:15	4:10	7:15	
Mon		4:10	7:15	
Tues thru Thurs	1:15	4:10	7:15	

Den Stiller, Amy Adams
Comedy, Sequel • Rated PG

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Pussycat Doll wants to sing RP anthem

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The half-Filipino lead vocalist for the American pop group Pussycat Dolls says she wants to sing the Philippine national anthem when boxing champion Manny Pacquiao fights again.

U.S.-born Nicole Scherzinger, who is performing with three other members of the band in Manila on Thursday, told ABS-CBN television she has always been a fan of the Filipino boxer.

Junior welterweight champion Pacquiao hand-picks the singer of the national anthem at his bouts. After his latest match with Ricky Hatton in Las Vegas in May, Filipino singer Martin Nievera was criticized in the media for altering the 1898 revolutionary anthem, which by law must be played at a marching tempo.

Pacquiao has not announced whom he will fight next, or who will sing the anthem.

The American pop group Pussycat Dolls lead singer Nicole Scherzinger poses with her awards for outstanding sales performance of their records during a press conference Tuesday, June 9, 2009 in Manila, Philippines.

AP

Brad Pitt buys painting at top modern art fair

BASEL, Switzerland (AP)—Brad Pitt was the star attraction Wednesday at this year's edition of the world's leading contemporary art fair. He was also a customer.

He bought a painting titled "Etappe" by the German artist Neo Rauch, said Art Basel spokeswoman Maike Cruse.

The David Zwirner Gallery in New York had advertised the work as an "enigmatic and dreamlike" representation of a race car being serviced mid-competition. Its list price was €680,000 — about $960,000.

The gallery refused to comment.

Rauch is among Europe's top painters, drawing on traditions of Eastern Bloc realism and Western abstraction.

The 40th Art Basel fair opened to the public Wednesday. It features works from over 2,500 artists.

Pitt also attended last year.

US actor Brad Pitt looks at the art work "end of knowledge" (24K gold on primed linen, 2008-2009) by US artist Jim Hodges, represented by the gallery Gladstone (New York), during his visit to the international art show Art 40 Basel, in Basel, Switzerland, Tuesday, June 9, 2009.

AP

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Alan Jackson celebrates 20 years with free show

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Country star Alan Jackson is celebrating two decades in the music business with a free concert. Jackson normally plays arenas, but he planned to sing Wednesday at a club called Cadillac Ranch in Nashville's honky-tonk district. The show comes as thousands of country fans pile into Nashville for the Country Music Association's annual festival, which opens Thursday and runs through Sunday. The Newnan, Ga., native played lots of clubs before landing a deal with Arista Records 20 years ago this month. He went on to sell more than 50 million albums and chart a slew of hits. His latest album, 2007's "Good Time," has produced three No. 1 singles - "Small Town Southern Man," "Country Boy" and the title track. His new single, "Sissy's Song," is in the Top 10.

Report: Queen Latifah says she was sexually abused

NEW YORK (AP)—Queen Latifah has revealed a traumatic chapter of her personal life: The singer-actress was sexually abused as a child. In the latest issue of Essence magazine, Latifah says the abuse occurred over a period of time, and at the hands of a teenager charged with watching her. "He violated me," says Latifah. "I never told anybody; I just buried it as deeply as I could and kept people at an arm's distance." The 39-year-old entertainer, whose new album "Persona" arrives in July, says the abuse affected her relationships. She eventually told her parents, and has gone through therapy to come to terms with what happened.

Ben Stiller wants job with Mexican government

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Ben Stiller wants a job with the Mexican government. At least that's what he is telling reporters here who grilled him about a May news conference in Washington, D.C., in which he allegedly cleansed his hands with anti-bacterial gel after shaking hands with Mexican reporters. The reported incident took place when Mexico was dealing with a swine flu epidemic. Stiller, who was in Mexico on Tuesday to promote his new film "Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian," told a news conference that it was all a "misunderstanding." He says he would love to meet with President Felipe Calderon to express his support. "Maybe he can even give me a job," Stiller joked.

Lauryn Hill cancels all European tour dates

STOCKHOLM (AP) -- Festival organizers say hip-hop and R&B singer Lauryn Hill has canceled all tour dates in Europe this summer for health reasons. Stockholm Jazz Festival spokeswoman Liisa Tolonen says the artist's agent informed the festival late Tuesday that all performances in Europe by the former Fugees singer have been canceled. This includes shows in Sweden, Greece, the Netherlands, Poland, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Austria. Tolonen said Wednesday the agent cited health reasons for the cancellation but declined to give more details. The tour would have marked a comeback to stage by Hill who has kept a low public profile in recent years. She was the planned headline act for The Stockholm Jazz Festival, one of Sweden's biggest music events.

Christopher Lloyd plans to rebuild home after fire

HELENA, Mont. (AP)—Christopher Lloyd plans to rebuild on the Southern California site where wildfire destroyed his house last fall. Lloyd's $11 million house was among hundreds lost in the fires that swept the state. He spoke about the home while in Montana promoting a new movie, "Call of the Wild 3D." Lloyd says the fires were an "awesome" experience and left the neighborhood looking like a war zone. The actor, who played the scientist sidekick to Michael J. Fox's character in the "Back to the Future" movies, says he had been preparing to sell the house so most of his belongings were in storage. Still, he says he lost some pictures, family memorabilia and other personal items. He says the rebuilt property will be better built to cope with wildfire.

Jamie Foxx: 'I got booed at the Apollo'

NEW YORK (AP)—Is there anything Jamie Foxx can't conquer? His first try at the Apollo, apparently. The singer/actor/comedian says the first time he tried his stand-up act on the famed stage, he was roundly booed. Foxx gave up the goods on himself as the New York City theater celebrated its 75th anniversary this week. He says it wasn't about his act—the audience heard "He's from L.A." and just started booing. And he says they were quite animated about it: "They booed me in opera," he jokes, and then began singing a "boo" riff. Foxx didn't get booed offstage at Monday night's celebration, but says it still remains his favorite memory of the place.

Meet Fredrik—the man being sued by Salinger

NEW YORK (AP)—Meet the man being sued by J.D. Salinger: Fredrik Colting, alias John David California. "Yes, John David California and I are the same man," Colting acknowledged Wednesday in a telephone interview from his home near Gothenburg, Sweden. California/Colting is the author of "60 Years Later," a spinoff of "The Catcher in the Rye" that Salinger alleges is a copyright infringement. Colting had kept his name hidden from the public, but he was identified in court papers filed in New York last week. Colting's identity was first reported Wednesday by the investigative Web site thesmokinggun.com.

MTV's 'Real World' going to Washington

LOS ANGELES (AP)—MTV is electing Washington as the next location for "The Real World." The cable network announced Wednesday that the 23rd season of the reality series would begin production in the nation's capital later this summer and premiere in 2010. Previous editions have focused on young strangers living together in front of cameras in such cities as New York, Los Angeles, Miami, Boston, London, Las Vegas, Paris and Austin, Texas. Tony DiSanto, MTV's president of programming, said the network is "thrilled to be filming our classic franchise in the heart of where history is being made." The Cancun-set 22nd season of "The Real World" premieres June 24.

Mom's careless spending may cost her children their home

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I am torn about what to do. My sister has five children, all under 18. She has full custody and receives child support every month from her ex-husband.

The problem is, she has been spending the money that's intended for the children on her boyfriends. Because of it, they have been homeless twice, and it may happen again.

The only person in that household with a steady job is the oldest—a boy—but he can't support all of them by himself. How can I make my sister see how irresponsible and immature she is?

My nephew would like to move out, but he is afraid it would seem like he is abandoning his family. Please help me.

ALARMED AUNTIE IN D.C.

DEAR ALARMED AUNTIE: Your sister's behavior is not only irresponsible, but also dangerous for the welfare of her children. If it is possible to contact their father and let him know what has been going on, I'm recommending that you do so. You should also contact Child Protective Services because while foster care is not "ideal," it would be better than what is going on in your sister's household.

DEAR ABBY: I am embarrassing my 7-year-old son. I make him come into the women's restroom with me if no family bathroom is available. He can use the bathroom by himself, of course, but I worry about who might be lurking in the men's room while he is out of my sight. Other mothers say they agree that a "bad man" could be loitering in public restrooms these days.

Is it more traumatic for him to come into the ladies' room or have me stand outside the men's room yelling, "Is everything all right in there?"

LISA IN PHOENIX

DEAR LISA: If your son is old enough to be embarrassed by having to come into the women's restroom, then he should not be forced into it. It is not necessary to stand outside the men's room yelling, "Is everything all right in there?" Simply announce loudly when your son enters that you will be "waiting right here," so anyone inside will know he is not alone. Then, if your son isn't out in a reasonable period of time, ask if everything is all right. And if he doesn't respond, check on him.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 43-year-old professional woman with a good job. I was recently invited by a friend to join her and her parents on a four-day mini-vacation trip. I accepted with the understanding that I would share food and hotel expenses.

Her father insisted on paying for every meal and excursion, and refused my offers to pay for anything. This made me very uncomfortable, since I was not expecting a free ride. I gave my friend some money and asked her to repay her father after I had left, but I still feel awkward about the whole thing.

Abby, what is the proper etiquette for such situations?

CAN PAY MY WAY IN TENNESSEE

DEAR CAN PAY: Your friend's father is obviously a man of means, who could afford to treat you and did not feel comfortable allowing you to pay for the meals and hotel expenses. It is possible that he comes from the "men pay for everything" generation. While you may be too young to remember, it's the one that grew into adulthood before the women's rights movement.

Rather than having given your friend money to pass along to her dad, a better solution would have been to send her parents a lovely gift with a letter included, thanking them for their generosity.

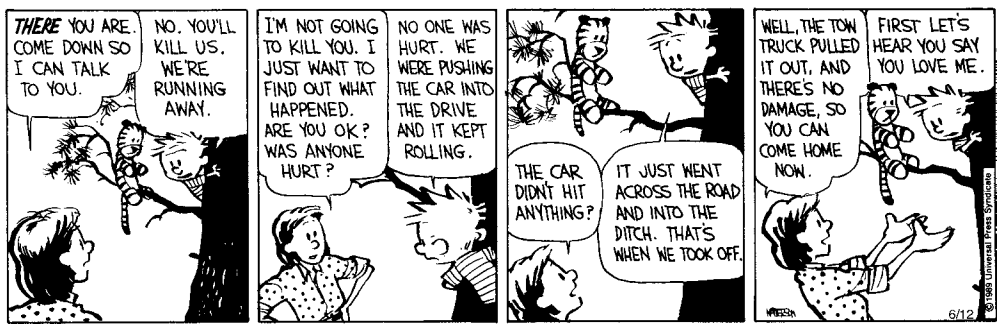
Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $12 (U.S. funds)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


THERE YOU ARE. COME DOWN SO I CAN TALK TO YOU.
NO. YOU'LL KILL US. WE'RE RUNNING AWAY.
I'M NOT GOING TO KILL YOU. I JUST WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED. ARE YOU OK? WAS ANYONE HURT?
NO ONE WAS HURT. WE WERE PUSHING THE CAR INTO THE DRIVE AND IT KEPT ROLLING.
THE CAR DIDN'T HIT ANYTHING?
IT JUST WENT ACROSS THE ROAD AND INTO THE DITCH. THAT'S WHEN WE TOOK OFF.
WELL, THE TOW TRUCK PULLED IT OUT, AND THERE'S NO DAMAGE, SO YOU CAN COME HOME NOW.
FIRST LET'S HEAR YOU SAY YOU LOVE ME.
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ONE OF THE KEYS TO BASEBALL IS TO NOT BE AFRAID OF THE BALL.
WHY? IT HURTS IF IT HITS YOU.
WELL, THAT'S WHAT YOUR GLOVE IS FOR.
WHAT IF IT TAKES A BAD BOUNCE AND HITS YOU IN THE FACE?
WELL... THAT'S WHAT ICE IS FOR.
WHAT DOES ICE DO?
HOPEFULLY, IT GETS THE SWELLING DOWN BEFORE YOU GET HOME AND YOUR MOM SEES IT.
A SWOLLEN FACE? COOL! LET'S PLAY!
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The Duplex

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ACROSS
1 Hood's weapon
4 Crow's comment
7 "... — finest hour"
12 Mentalist Geller
13 It's all in vein
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20 Six years in the Senate
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23 Heavy reading
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29 "Humoresque" composer
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35 Tea varieties
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39 Gorilla
41 "J'accuse" writer
45 Fragment
47 Wrestling win
48 Has insomnia
52 Sort
53 "Farewell, Francisco"
54 Evening hour
55 To the — degree
56 Automaton
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DOWN
1 Visitor
2 Engage in forensics
3 Eldrick Woods
4 Pop choice
5 Up
6 Lachrymose
7 Compared to
8 Partner of 32-Down
9 Geological time
10 Annoy
11 White alternative
17 Burpee buy
21 Casaba or Crenshaw
23 November birthstone
24 Manmouse link
25 Buddy
26 — out a living
28 Tribute in verse
30 Moving transport
31 IRS employee
32 See 8-Down
33 White House nickname
36 Go yachting
37 Duplicity
40 Source of irritation
42 Voice a view
43 Cheery melodies
44 Egyptian crosses
45 "Hey, you!"
46 Grand story
48 Jam ingredient?
49 Commotion
50 Pen point
51 Excessively

Solution time: 25 mins.

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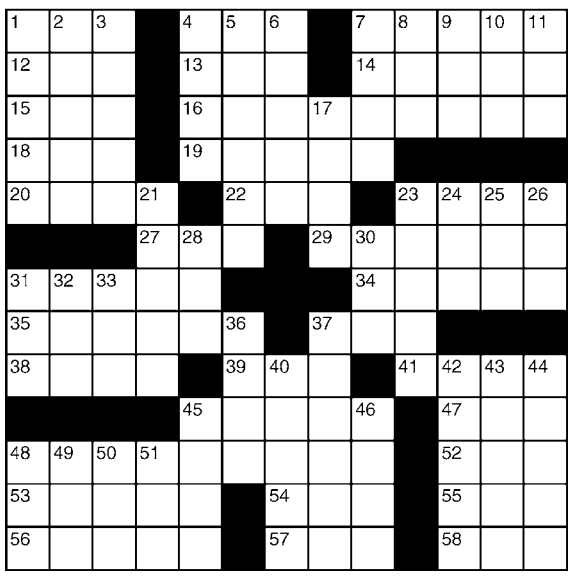

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kenny Wayne Shepherd, 32; Marv Albert, 68; Chick Corea, 68; Jim Nabors, 79

Happy Birthday: You have a lot to contend with and every move you make will be important to your future. Problems with authority must be avoided. Listen to the voice of reason, but your strength is your ability to be unique. A challenge will change your life—face it with honor and dignity. Your numbers are 8, 12, 16, 21, 30, 33, 41

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Praise those who have covered your back in times of need. Being generous—emotionally, monetarily and physically—will show you mean what you say. The alliances you build will make you stronger, braver and able to deal graciously with success. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Refuse to feel pressured into making a decision you aren't ready to make. You cannot give in to what someone else says or wants. Go over every aspect of what you want to do until you are satisfied that things won't go array. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Find out what secrets are being kept from you before you make a decision. You are smarter and can beat someone at his or her own game. A deal breaker could end up being to your advantage. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Don't spend to impress or put your money into something that you aren't sure you want pursue. A trip or a course you sign up for will not be all that it is hyped up to be. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Expect the unexpected and you will perform well in the situations that develop. A past partner or acquaintance will have something to contribute but it may not be quite what you expect. Find out what's involved. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Plan a day trip or visit someone you care for but stick to your budget. A change in your financial situation can go either way, depending on how you handle the people trying to take your hard-earned cash. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Your ability to get what you want for the least amount of effort will allow you the upper hand. Your sophisticated approach can lead everyone in the direction you want to take. You deserve a break but, if it's a costly one, use someone else's money. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): When you think you are in the clear to move forward, something or someone will burst your bubble. Have a backup plan ready. An interesting turn of events will develop if you mingle with people who are creative and cash-heavy. Speak frankly. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Adventure, playful activities and travel will highlight your day. Getting together with neighbors or friends will help you get over someone or something weighing you down. New ideas will get a favorable response. ✪✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Stick to principles and methods you know will work best and you will get what you want within your budget. Your expertise will be sought after and will lead to deals requiring a service you have to offer. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Keep your thoughts to yourself or someone may take advantage of you and your ideas. You have to be honest about what others actually want from you. Not everyone has your best interests at heart. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Don't trust everyone with your secrets. You can expect someone to leak information that will be damaging to your reputation. Prepare to make a statement that will clear your name without making a big scene. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are inquisitive, inventive and imaginative. You know how to win friends, are emotional and will stand up for your beliefs.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

	1		8		2		3	
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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 6/12

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

1	8	9	7	2	3	6	4	5
6	2	5	4	1	8	3	7	9
4	3	7	5	9	6	1	8	2
3	5	1	9	6	7	8	2	4
9	4	2	8	5	1	7	6	3
8	7	6	2	3	4	9	5	1
2	6	8	1	4	9	5	3	7
7	9	4	3	8	5	2	1	6
5	1	3	6	7	2	4	9	8

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

SAY 'NO' TO SPAM **Solution: 5 letters**

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7. **Contact Information.** Please submit written offers to Frances C. Quichocho, at the Law Offices of Ramon K Quichocho, LLC. on the 2nd Floor, Sign Arts Bunding, San Jose, P.O. Box 505621, Saipan, MP 96950, by no later than June 27, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. For more information, please contact the undersigned at 670.234.8946.

/s/ Ramon K. Quichocho

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PUERTO RICO DUMP FINAL CLOSURE SAIPAN, MP

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Division of Solid Waste Management, are soliciting sealed Bids for construction, of the Puerto Rico Dump closure system, on the island of Saipan.

The project package will be available on or after May 27, 2009, at Pacific Quick Print & Post, Chalan Pale Arnold, SAipan. A non-refundable payment to Pacific Quick Print & Post, amount to be determined, is required for each set. All interested bidders are also required to include an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid package. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, however, Article 7 "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118 **is not available** to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and serivices on this project shall be paid the current minimum wage as required by CNMI and Federal Law.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on June 5, 2009, 10:0 a.m. local time at the Solid Waste Management Division's Lower Base Transfer Station, Lower Base.. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site and condition of the project. All questions regarding the project must be submitted in writing no later than June 10, 2009 to **Mr. Blas T. Mafnas,** Acting Director, Solid Waste Management Division, Lower Base Refuse Transfer Station, or fax to (670) 322-2762.

Sealed bids shall be marked with the name of the submitter and the title "**Puerto Rico Dump Final Closure, DPW-09-IFB-019"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and six (6) copies of Bids must be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m. local time, June 22, 2009 to the Director of Procurement and Supply, P.O. Box 10008, Cnmi, Saipan, MP 96950. Bidders located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than June 22, 2009 and must be transmitted via Facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or va e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and six (6) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 22, 2009, and must be received no later than July 1, 2009. Failure to submit the required number of sets may be gount for rejection.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, July 2, 2009, However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on June 22, 2009.

A bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Clerk or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". For Bid Bonds, surety companies must hold a Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Department of the Treasury as an acceptable surety to the Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment Bonds must hold a Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Department of the Treasury as an acceptable surety and must be authorized to conduct business in the CNMI.

Performance time for completion of the project is three hundred sixty five **(365)** working days upon issuance of official written Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will assessed as provided for in the Bid Specification Package.

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs (DOI/OIA). Contract award is contingent upon funding approval of DOI/OIA.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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ADDENDUM NO. 1

June 9, 2009

DPW09-IFB-022
SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY GENERATOR AND WATER STORAGE TANK FOR THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL SUPPLY OFFICE, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN

1. General: The following revisions, additions, corrections, and/or clarifications to the specifications and drawings shall apply to the work affected thereby. Careful note of this Addendum shall be taken by the bidder/contractor, and all trades affected shall be fully advised of the information contained herein. In the event of a conflict between drawings, specifications and this Addendum, the contents of this Addendum must be brought to the attention of the Contracting Officer for the resolution. Failure to acknowledge this bid Addendum is accordance with instructions may subject your bid to rejection on the affected item(s)/service(s).

2. Pre-Bid Conference, Submission of Sealed Bids, Request for Information Dateline and Bid Opening Dates; are suspended indefinitely until further notice.

All other requirements of the Invitation for Bids of the project package shall remain as stated.

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ADDENDUM NO. 1

June 9, 2009

DPW09-IFB-024
SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY GENERATOR FOR WIC CLINIC AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, PHASE I NAVY HILL

1. General: The following revisions, additions, corrections, and/or clarifications to the specifications and drawings shall apply to the work affected thereby. Careful note of this Addendum shall be taken by the bidder/contractor, and all trades affected shall be fully advised of the information contained herein. In the event of a conflict between drawings, specifications and this Addendum, the contents of this Addendum must be brought to the attention of the Contracting Officer for the resolution. Failure to acknowledge this bid Addendum is accordance with instructions may subject your bid to rejection on the affected item(s)/service(s).

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW09-RFP-025

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING DESIGN OF ROUTE 36
(Windward/Chalan Kalabera), Federal Aid Project No.CM-NH-0036 (003)

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting sealed proposals for the Preliminary Engineering Design of Route 36 (Windward/Chalan Kalabera) on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available because its use is prohibited by Federal Law granting the funding for this project. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **§70-30.3-305** of the regulations.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, the firm or company must have or obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the CNMI Board of Professional Licensing. Information about obtaining a COA may be requested from Ms. Florence C. Sablan, Executive Director, at (670) 234-5897/5898 or fax (670) 234-6040.

The Scope of Work is available on or after June 5, 2009 at the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of Fifty Dollars **($50.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division. A mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Gualo Rai Commercial Building on June 24, 2009. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Joseph M. Inos., Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Commercial Center, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 4:30 p.m. local time July 6, 2009.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and Schedule of Completion, which details how the work will be accomplished by the consultants, given the time requirements and resources available as identified in their proposals.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (résumés and experience). The total proposal submitted shall be no more than twenty five (25) pages in length. Note that a firm, which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:
1. Qualifications of the principal(s) and assigned staff – 20%
2. Experience of the firm(s) on similar type projects – 20%
3. Project Approach – 25%
4. Schedule of Completion – 35%

Sealed proposals must be marked **"DPW09-RFP-025"**. For Proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of proposals must be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, July 9, 2009 to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, July 9, 2009, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@vzpacfica.net. For Proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 9, 2009 AND must be received no later than July 20, 2009. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

These projects are funded in part through a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. Contract award is contingent upon funding approval by the Department of Transportation (DOT).

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for the project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

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Red Sox beat Yankees yet again, win 6-5

BOSTON (AP)— The Boston Red Sox improved to 7-0 this season against their arch rival New York by beating the Yankees 6-5 in the American League on Wednesday.

Adding in a win in the last meeting of 2008, and the Red Sox have beaten the Yankees eight straight times—their longest winning streak against New York since 1912.

Mike Lowell and Kevin Youkilis homered for Boston, which broke a tie with the Yankees atop the AL East Division standings.

Mark Teixeira went 4-for-5 for New York, including his AL-leading 19th homer.

AP

New York Yankees' Jorge Posada, right, reacts after flying out to end the game as Boston Red Sox's Kevin Youkilis, left, starts to celebrate in a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston on Wednesday, June 10, 2009.

Tigers 2, White Sox 1

In Chicago, Detroit pitcher Justin Verlander pitched a six-hitter for his first victory ever at U.S. Cellular Field, downing Chicago.

The White Sox still fell 6-1/2 games behind AL Central-leading Detroit, which has won five of its past six games.

Verlander struck out nine and walked just one in his second complete game this year. He has a 7-0 record and league-low 1.10 ERA since April 27. The seven-decision winning streak matched his career best of 2006, when he helped Detroit reach the World Series.

Going into the game, Verlander had been 0-6 at U.S. Cellular Field.

Rays 9, Angels 5

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Tampa Bay halted a three-game losing streak by downing Los Angeles.

Carlos Pena hit a solo homer in the third inning and Willy Aybar added a two-run shot in the fifth which completed the scoring. Aybar had an RBI single in Tampa Bay's five-run second inning.

The Rays rallied from a 3-0 deficit.

Twins 6, Athletics 3

In Oakland, California, pinch-hitter Jason Kubel hit a tying solo homer in the eighth and Delmon Young singled home the go-ahead run in the ninth to help Minnesota overcome Oakland.

Joe Crede tripled to start the ninth, and the replacement pinch-runner scored easily on Young's single up the middle. An RBI single and two wild pitches cost the A's two more runs.

Kubel's drive was the third pinch-hit homer this season for the Twins.

Mariners 4, Orioles 1

In Baltimore, Jose Lopez homered twice to help Seattle defeat Baltimore.

Lopez finished with three hits, raising his batting average over the past 11 games to .364. He hit a solo drive in the second and a two-run shot in the sixth for his third career multihomer game. Baltimore pitcher Jeremy Guthrie has given up more homers than any pitcher in the AL this season.

Seattle pitcher Felix Hernandez allowed only one run in seven innings.

The Mariners have allowed three runs or less in a franchise-record eight straight games.

Ichiro Suzuki reached base for the 39th straight game, the longest streak in the AL this season.

Royals 9, Indians 0

In Cleveland, Kansas City pitcher Gil Meche tied a career high with 11 strikeouts over seven innings, helping his team to an easy win over Cleveland.

Kansas City hit three home runs, including Alberto Callaspo's first career grand slam.

Meche won for the first time in seven starts.

Phillies 5, Mets 4

In New York, Chase Utley led off the 11th inning with his second homer of the game, minutes after right fielder Jayson Werth saved Philadelphia with a diving catch as the Phillies beat the New York Mets.

Philadelphia rallied from a 4-1 deficit in the seventh and dealt the Mets their sixth loss this season after they led by at least three runs.

The Mets stranded a season-high 16 runners, eight from innings seven through 10. Still, they nearly won it when David Wright hit the two-out liner into the right-center gap in the 10th that Werth caught.

Philadelphia is 6-3 on a 10-game trip, improving to a major league-best 22-9 away from home.

Giants 6, Diamondbacks 4

In Phoenix, Bengie Molina homered and drove in three runs and Brian Wilson struck out the side for his seventh straight save as San Francisco beat Arizona.

Molina hit a two-run homer in a four-run third inning as the Giants took a 5-1 lead against Doug Davis (3-7). Molina added an RBI single in the ninth.

Wilson struck out the top of the Diamondbacks' order—Felipe Lopez, Ryan Roberts and Justin Upton—to record his 16th save in 19 chances and lock up the victory for Barry Zito (3-6), who went five shaky innings.

It was Arizona's second straight three-error game and two of the blunders accounted for three unearned runs charged to Davis.

Padres 3, Dodgers 1

In Los Angeles, San Diego's Kevin Correia retired his final 15 batters during a sterling six-inning performance on three days' rest as San Diego downed Los Angeles.

Correia (3-4) did not allow a baserunner after giving up a leadoff single in the second inning to Rafael Furcal. The right-hander threw 81 pitches, allowing one run and three hits with no walks in his 58th career start. It was the first time he had fewer than four days' rest between starts in the big leagues. He had four strikeouts.

One night after hitting four solo homers against Chris Young, the defending NL West champion Dodgers managed only three singles against Correia.

Heath Bell got three outs for his major league-leading 18th save.

Astros 2, Cubs 1

In Houston, Geoff Blum singled in the winning run with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth for Houston.

Chicago wasted a dominant start from Carlos Zambrano, who allowed a run and three hits through eight innings.

Miguel Tejada led off the ninth with a single. After a walk and a fly ball that advanced Tejada to third, Angel Guzman (2-1) intentionally walked Lance Berkman to load the bases and Blum lined a single up the middle.

Geovany Soto hit a solo homer in the second inning for the Cubs.

Pirates 3, Braves 2

In Atlanta, Adam LaRoche drove in two runs and Jeff Karstens pitched well in his new role as a reliever for Pittsburgh.

Charlie Morton was called up from Triple-A Indianapolis to start against his former team, but the Pirates pitcher lasted only one inning before a tight left hamstring ended his night.

Pittsburgh turned to Karstens (3-4), who was bumped to the bullpen by Morton's promotion. The former starter gave up one run in 4 2-3 innings to earn the win, snapping Pittsburgh's three-game losing streak.

Garret Anderson hit a two-run homer in the ninth for Atlanta, and Jair Jurrjens (5-4) took the loss.

Cardinals 13, Marlins 4

In Miami, Rick Ankiel finished a single shy of the cycle and Colby Rasmus also homered as St. Louis snapped a five-game losing streak with a season high in runs on 18 hits.

Brendan Ryan went a career-best 4 for 4, all singles, scored twice and drove in a run, while Tyler Greene had a career-high three hits.

Adam Wainwright (6-4) allowed four runs and four hits over seven innings to break a personal two-game losing streak.

Chris Volstad (4-6) allowed six runs and 10 hits over 5 2-3 innings in losing his third consecutive start.

Rockies 4, Brewers 2

In Milwaukee, Troy Tulowitzki and Brad Hawpe homered, and Jorge De La Rosa finally beat his old team, lifting Colorado past Milwaukee for its seventh straight win.

It is the Rockies' longest streak since they won 11 in a row in September 2007, the year they reached the World Series.

Brewers starter Dave Bush (3-3) gave up a two-out solo homer in the fourth to Tulowitzki and three straight doubles in the fifth. Hawpe homered off reliever Seth McClung in the seventh to make it 4-2.

De La Rosa (2-6) came into the game 0-2 with a 13.03 ERA in three appearances against Milwaukee, where he pitched for part of three seasons beginning in 2004.

Reds 4, Nationals 2, 12 innings

In Washington, pinch-hitter Jonny Gomes hit a tiebreaking RBI double with two out in the 12th as Cincinnati as edged Washington.

Jay Bruce walked to lead off the 12th and Alex Gonzalez reached when Ron Villone (3-1) botched his sacrifice attempt. Bruce moved to third on a passed ball.

Jason Bergmann got Ryan Hanigan to ground into a double play but Gomes followed with his hit to left. Jerry Hairston Jr. added an RBI single.

Villone gave up his first run of the season. He entered with 17 scoreless innings this season. Washington has lost three straight and 12 of 14.

Nick Masset (4-0) pitched two innings for the win and David Weathers finished for his first save.

The Nationals scored both of their runs after a 2 hour, 10 minute rain delay in the bottom of the ninth.

Tests: Adenhart driver had alcohol before crash

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP)— Alcohol was found in the woman who was driving Los Angeles Angels pitcher Nick Adenhart before they were both killed in a collision in April, according to toxicology tests released Wednesday.

The tests show Courtney Stewart, 20, consumed alcohol shortly before the crash, but the coroner's office could not determine how much she drank, and prosecutors were doubtful the finding could be used at the trial of the man charged with their deaths.

Stewart, along with Adenhart and Henry Pearson, died when their car was broadsided April 9 in Fullerton by a minivan allegedly driven by Andrew Gallo. Police said Gallo's blood-alcohol level was nearly three times the legal limit at the time of the crash.

"The bottom line is that (Stewart's alcohol consumption is) completely irrelevant; nothing she did contributed to this crash," said Orange County Deputy District Attorney Susan Price. "It's not uncommon when you're dealing with late-night crashes that both parties have alcohol in their systems. That doesn't absolve the defendant of criminal responsibility."

Price said pathologists testified at the grand jury hearing at which Gallo was indicted with three counts of murder that they can't draw any conclusions about whether Stewart was driving under the influence from such data.

She accused Gallo's defense attorney, Randall Longwith, of leaking the report to media without the context of the full pathology report, causing further pain to Stewart's family.

"I've been talking to them all afternoon. They're devastated that this report is up on the Internet. Her mother said she would never have asked to see these details, let alone have the whole world see them," Price said.

A message left with Longwith was not immediately returned Wednesday night.

An autopsy found low levels of alcohol in Stewart's stomach and in her blood, but not in her brain, liver and eye fluid. Pathologists found a .06 percent blood-alcohol level in blood taken from Stewart's arteries after her death. The legal limit for drivers under age 21 is .05.

The coroner's office did not return a message left Wednesday night.

Adenhart, 22, died in surgery hours after he made his season debut by pitching six scoreless innings in a loss to the Oakland Athletics in Anaheim.

Kareem: Magic's Howard 'kind of predictable'

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—Kareem Abdul-Jabbar doesn't see much future for Dwight Howard in all those rim-rocking dunks and power moves from the Orlando Magic center.

The NBA's career scoring leader would like to see Howard not rely so much on his size and athleticism and make himself a player his team can turn to when it counts. Maybe even throw in a skyhook or two.

"He's still offensively kind of raw," Abdul-Jabbar said Wednesday. "He doesn't have a go-to move yet. Right now, he's kind of predictable."

The NBA finals have shown that Howard has a long way to go to be the dominant offensive center the Lakers' Hall of Famer was. The Magic trail Los Angeles 2-1, with Game 4 on Thursday night.

So far, Howard's Superman act has mostly been grounded.

"Kareem is right, and he understands that in order to be a good player you have to add different things to your game," Howard said. "I've tried to do the skyhook just like him, but he had more range and more touch. He was shooting skyhooks from the 3-point line, and I'm still working on it from the paint, so I've got a long way to go."

The Lakers have tested the 23-year-old Howard's skills perhaps more than any team in the playoffs and exposed Howard's still developing fundamentals. They've harassed him with double-teams, surrounded him with 7-footers and shrunk his passing lanes.

The constant different looks have eased the pressure on the Lakers' frontcourt.

"So far, it hasn't been all that bad," Lakers forward Pau Gasol said about guarding Howard.

The Magic big man has averaged 16.6 points per game in the series, made just 11 shots from the field and even fewer dunks. That's down from his 20.9 points in the regular season.

If not for Orlando's shooting a finals record 62.5 percent from the field in its Game 3 win, the pressure would have elevated even more on Howard, who jumped straight from his Atlanta high school to the No. 1 overall pick in the NBA.

Howard is working to improve his offensive skills.

He often spends nights at the Magic's practice facility with friends, shooting hooks and as many as 300 free throws with music blaring at the highest decibels. As a kid, too, he used to emulate Abdul-Jabbar on the playground with the skyhook.

The running hook, not quite the towering shot Abdul-Jabbar perfected, is a move Howard has begun to develop over his first five seasons in the NBA. If he can make it consistently, he said it would take his game to the level of the all-time greats.

His teammates often laugh at criticism of Howard's offensive talents.

After all, they say when you're nearly 7 feet, weigh more than 265 pounds with some of the broadest shoulders and leaping ability in the league, why shouldn't you just dunk? That off-the-charts athleticism has been showcased in the last two All-Star dunk contests, when he's donned Superman regalia and soared seemingly above the backboard.

"If I was that big, I wouldn't ever shoot a jump shot," Magic guard Courtney Lee joked.

Working closely with Magic assistant coach and former New York Knicks center Patrick Ewing, Howard has said that he's still reaching his potential, often saying it's only around 20 percent. Only time will tell if that holds true.

Abdul-Jabbar, who's currently working as a special assistant with the Lakers, agrees. If there's one thing he loves about Howard's game, it's his defense.

Howard is the NBA defensive player of the year after leading the league in blocks and rebounds this season. Leading those two categories in the same season is something the Lakers great—and only three others—have accomplished.

But Abdul-Jabbar is waiting for the offense to catch up.

"Dwight is kind of limited offensively," he said. "He does great right under the basket, you force him to do other things, he doesn't have an answer for it yet. But I think that's his challenge."

Childress: No Favre decision deadline this week

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—The Minnesota Vikings never told Brett Favre to make up his mind by this week if he wants to play, according to coach Brad Childress.

In fact, Childress said Wednesday, the team has no timetable for Favre to decide about coming out of retirement again to quarterback the Vikings.

"I'm not into predicting the future, you know?" the coach said. "We'll just have to see what's around the corner tomorrow."

Childress called into local radio station KFAN during his drive to work and refuted an earlier ESPN report that he had mandated Favre determine his status for the 2009 season this week. Asked if there was a deadline, Childress said "absolutely not"—unless it came from Favre's wife, Deanna, or "somebody like that."

Childress added: "Certainly not from me. Not even close. Don't know where that would've dropped out of the sky from."

He was unavailable for further comment Wednesday. Favre's agent, Bus Cook, didn't return messages left by The Associated Press. Childress is scheduled to take questions from reporters Thursday following practice.

The Vikings have a handful of organized team activities—the NFL's term for optional offseason workouts—remaining over the next week, but that's it until training camp formally begins July 31. Childress has often called himself a "mother hen" when it comes to wanting the whole team present throughout the summer, and it's surely not his preference to add an important player long after preparations have begun.

As for Favre?

Well, it sounds like he's a special case.

The 39-year-old Favre, according to reports, had surgery on the partially torn biceps in his right shoulder last month and has not yet returned to full strength. Favre blamed the injury for his poor performance last December and pinned his retirement from the New York Jets in February on the subpar condition of his throwing arm.

But Childress said he's eager to "see just exactly what he's got left in that cannon." The coach also said he's not concerned about the will-he-or-won't-he saga souring the outlook of Vikings quarterbacks Tarvaris Jackson and Sage Rosenfels.

"I talked with Sage and Tarvaris. They are competitors. Do they like any of the conversation? Absolutely not," Childress said. "But they know this. I'm charged with adding and subtracting players from this team to make us better. Every day when I walk in this office there's not a day that I don't try to look and see if we can get better at some position.

"And if this is going to make us better down the road and it's got a chance to happen I'm going to take care of the Minnesota Vikings."

Childress also poked fun at some of the inaccurate reports about the Vikings-Favre, including the suggestion he went to visit the three-time NFL MVP in Mississippi last month. Childress said he was at his desk that day.

"David Copperfield was a great magician, but I haven't been able to do that one yet," Childress said.

Asked why he hasn't made more of an effort to set the record straight on the back and forth of this story over the past month, Childress said he's too busy.

"It's really not my job to comment on erroneous things," he said. "I can sit and laugh at it and wonder how responsible that is, but I simply don't have time to do that."

Youth volunteers for Oceania caging

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With Saipan hosting the 2009 FIBA Oceania Basketbal Tournament, the CNMI Men's and Women's Nationals were not the only ones sweating out to prepare for the tournament, but also the hard working volunteers for the quadrennial caging.

FIBA international referee Gabriel White said the Basketball Association of the Nortehrn Mariana Islands has a pool of more than 20 volunteers, mostly youths, who will be helping out in handling games statistics, venues and equipment, and other logistics.

White added that since early last month, volunteers who will work as table officials during the games have been undergoing a training course to prepare them for the tournament.

"They were given modules for reading and review. I explained the reading materials, took questions from them, and then have them undergo a series of written test to determine their understanding of the modules and their readiness to handle their responsibility during the game," White said.

Written materials are based on FIBA Oceania Level 1 Scoretable Officials Workbook and volunteers spent almost two hours a day of reviewing and discussing them with White at the Marianas High School Gymnasium. The course went on for several days until volunteers are ready to take an examination.

"We, at BANMI, are very glad that our youth, mostly students, are here to help us run the biggest basketball tournament in the region," White said.

Rachel Renee Cabrera and Andy Jin were among those who took the course, as they want to spend their free time for a good cause.

"I am done with school and will have a long vacation, so might as well spend it by helping the community and in this case the basketball community," said Cabrera, who will be a sophomore at MHS next year.

"I have friends who play basketball and sometimes when I watch them play, I could not understand how the game goes, so by volunteering in this event, I think I may have a better understanding of the game," Cabrera said.

Ji, a foreign exchange student at Northern Marianas Academy, agrees with Cabrera, saying he has little knowledge about basketball and he is interested to know more.

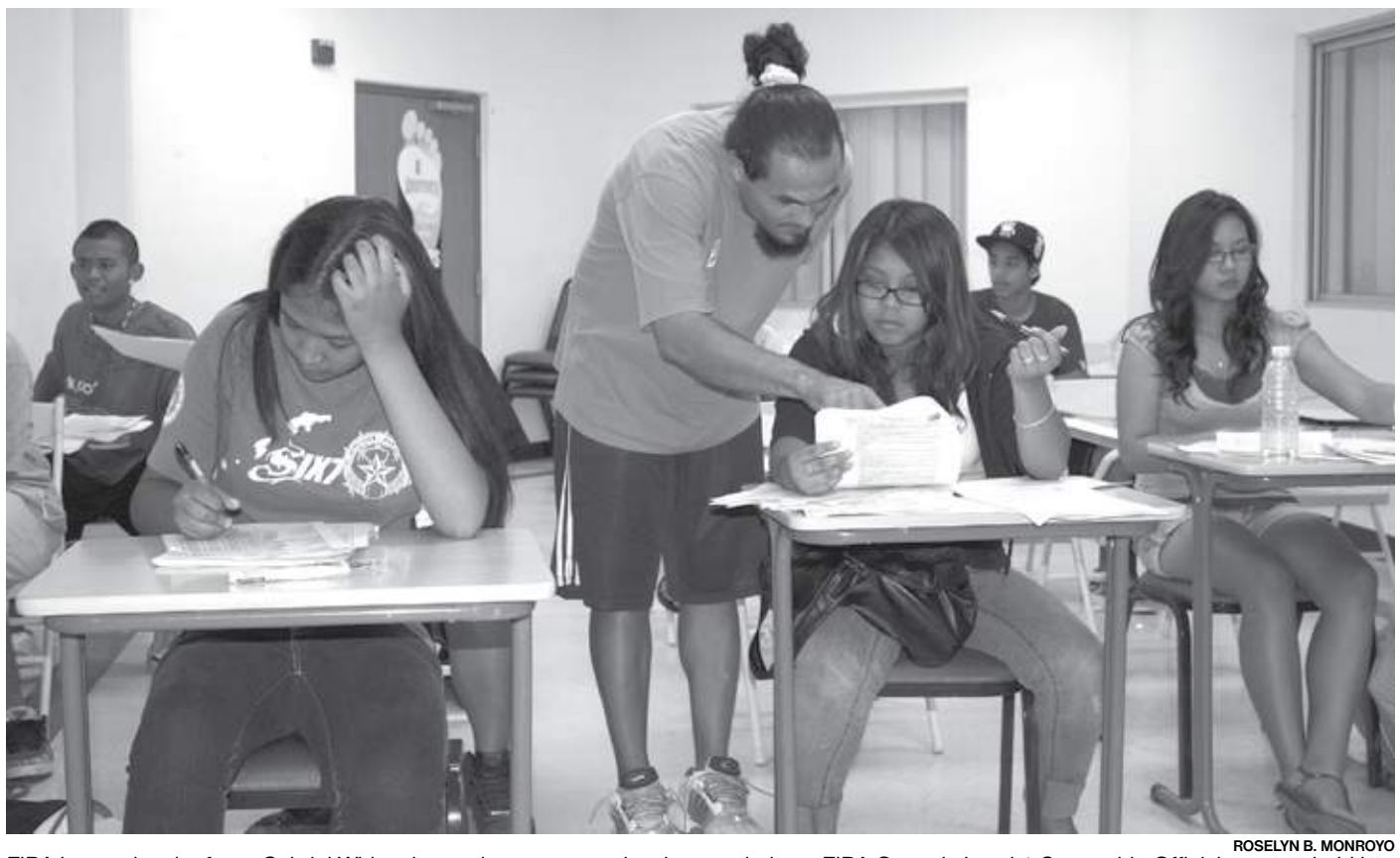
"I am more into swimming and tennis. Hopefully after this event, I may be able to pick up some points from the players and officials while watching the games, and then play the game next time," said Ji of Seoul, Korea.

"I am also looking for extra activities this summer and it will feel great to be part of this big tournament," he added.

White said volunteers may undergo a drill a few days before the tournament proper to ensure their readiness for the FIBA caging.

Saipan will host the FIBA Oceania tournament from June 20 to 28 with games to be played at the MHS gym and Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The CNMI Men's and Women's Nationals will be competing against New Caledonia, New Zealand, Guam, and Australia.



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FIBA International referee Gabriel White gives pointers to a youth volunteer during a FIBA Oceania Level 1 Scoretable Officials course held late last month at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

FALCONS

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Rangers were erratic at the start of their semifinals series against the Falcons.

Designated Mike Pangelinan gave the Falcons a good start with his two-run double at the top of the first allowing the team to take a 4-0 lead.

The Falcons hung it there, as the Rangers bobbled the ball several times in the succeeding innings, helping the former scored five more runs on the latter's errors.

To make matters worse for the Rangers, they lost power hitter Benwaichi Taisacan. The Rangers first baseman was thrown out of the game at the bottom of the fifth inning due to unsportsmanlike conduct. Taisacan was hit by a pitch from starter Thomas Joab and the former retaliated with heated words against the Falcons pitcher, forcing umpire Tony Satur to order the Rangers first baseman out of the field.

Despite the absence of Taisacan, the Rangers managed to cut the led to three, 11-8, going into the final inning.

The Falcons then scored two runs at the top of the ninth inning, giving the team more cushion, and they went on to complete the upset after shutting out the Rangers at the bottom of the ninth.

Second baseman Ned Norita went 3-for-4 at bat, made a double, and had two RBIs. Shortstop J.D. Dikito was 3-for-6 at the plate, scored a triple, and also had two RBIs.

The winner of the Falcons-Rangers series will duel the victor of the Rock Steady-D-9ers tiff in best-of-five title series.

Rock Steady won last year's title after outlasting the Rangers in the most-stretched championship showdown that took almost three weeks to finish.

Rock Steady finished third this season and will play the second-ranked D-9ers in Game 1 of their own semis series tonight.

G4S

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the hands of Advance X-Terminators that ended G4S' winning run in the first round, the latter almost suffered back-to-back beatings before Junar Guiab and Jerry Larioza teamed up for the game-saving play.

After leading most of the way, G4S found itself trailing, 73-74, following Alvin Alvarez's two free throws, with less than a minute left in the game.

In G4S' offensive set, Guiab handled the leather, attacked MBI's defense, and then dished it off to Larioza, who was underneath the basket for the game-winning shot, with less than 20 seconds left on the clock.

Don Sese hung on to the ball too long in MBI's possession before Alvarez got it, drove to the middle, pulled up for a jumper, and missed. G4S then collared the rebound as time expired.

G4S improved to a 5-1 slate and seized the solo lead. The first round of the two-round robin league ended with G4S tied with Advance at the No. 1 spot with their identical 4-1 slates.

Fiesta had a 3-2 mark in the first round and won its first assignment in the second round, showing little signs of rust after a weeklong break.

With Elmer Esdrelon and Ferdie De la Torre's guns blazing and the support crew making contributions, Fiesta led by as much as 23 points in the third period.

Fiesta closed the third canto with an 83-64 lead, but was a bit complacent in the final canto, allowing Shirley's to come back and cut the lead to four with less than two minutes remaining in the game.

Free throws from Esdrelon, De La Torre, and Jason Licop returned things to order for Fiesta and foiled Shirley's bid for a come-from-behind win.

Esdrelon top-scored for Fiesta with 25 points, while De la Torre finished with 24. Licop and Ferdie Solidum also scored in double figures, adding 11 and 10 markers, respectively.

Fradel Sedillo led all scorers with his 37 points.

Action in the second round continues tonight with Fiesta meeting G4S in the first game at 6:30pm. Advance will face Shirley's in the second match at 8:30pm.

First Game

G4S 75 – Guiab 26, Serrano 13, Banatasa 10, Larrioza 6, Soriano 6, Chavez 6, Basa 3, Caras 3, Hermoso 2.

MBI 74 – Nonato 22, Barbo 21, Alvarez 17, Cabrera 5, Achas 4, Cordero 4, Trajano 2, Sese 1.

Scoring by quarters: 18-15, 41-30, 59-52, 75-74.

Second Game

Fiesta 112 – Esdrelon 25, De La Torre 24, Jinang 12, Licop 11, Solidum 10, J. Ong 8, Salazar 5, Mojar 4, R. Ong 4, Moran 3, Borlongan 2, Maliwanag 2, Garcia 2, Rodriguez 1.

Shirley's 105 – Sedillo 37, Nicdao 26, Laxa 20, Angeles 17, Drilon 3, Macario 2.

Scoring by quarters: 25-16, 51-40, 83-64, 112-105.

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educational opportunities for CNMI students.

"Over the years, the NMC Foundation Open has built a loyal following of golfers who are dedicated to helping the College," he said. "We are extremely thankful for their continued support and look forward to seeing them on the golf course on Saturday."

Babauta also encouraged not only the island's golf enthusiasts to take part in the tournament, but anyone who would like to give the college a helping hand to tee off with them tomorrow.

"We're encouraging golfers who have not played in the Foundation Open before to join us this year," Babauta added. "All funds raised will help our students meet their educational goals, so it's win-win situation for everyone."

The entrance fee is only $85 per player. Registration forms may be picked up at Triple J Motors, the NMC cashier's window, and at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort. Forms may also be downloaded by visiting www.nmcnet.edu.

Babauta said all proceeds from the tournament will be used to support NMC's educational programs and services.

Hole-in-one sponsors include Aon Insurance, Bank of Hawaii, Triple J Motors, and Continental Airlines. Other major sponsors include Pacific Islands Club, IT&E, Chong's Corporation, Dial Rent To Own, Laolao Bay Golf Resort, Luen Fung, Saipan Sunset Cruise, and Pacific Trading Co.

NMC Foundation is a non-profit organization whose goal is to raise funds to support the Northern Marianas College, the CNMI's only post-secondary educational institution.

For more information about the tournament, please contact Helen at 234-5498 extension 1050.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	35	24	.593	–
New York	34	25	.576	1
Toronto	34	27	.557	2
Tampa Bay	30	31	.492	6
Baltimore	25	34	.424	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	33	26	.559	–
Minnesota	30	31	.492	4
Chicago	27	33	.450	6 1/2
Kansas City	25	33	.431	7 1/2
Cleveland	26	35	.426	8

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	33	25	.569	–
Los Angeles	29	28	.509	3 1/2
Seattle	29	30	.492	4 1/2
Oakland	26	32	.448	7

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	34	23	.596	–
New York	31	26	.544	3
Atlanta	29	29	.500	5 1/2
Florida	29	32	.475	7
Washington	15	42	.263	19

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	33	26	.559	–
Cincinnati	31	27	.534	1 1/2
St. Louis	32	28	.533	1 1/2
Chicago	29	27	.518	2 1/2
Pittsburgh	27	32	.458	6
Houston	26	31	.456	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	40	21	.656	–
San Francisco	31	27	.534	7 1/2
San Diego	28	31	.475	11
Colorado	27	32	.458	12
Arizona	25	35	.417	14 1/2

Yesterday's Games

Cincinnati 4, Washington 2, 12 innings
Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Mets 4, 11 innings
Pittsburgh 3, Atlanta 2
St. Louis 13, Florida 4
Houston 2, Chicago Cubs 1
Colorado 4, Milwaukee 2
San Francisco 6, Arizona 4
San Diego 3, L.A. Dodgers 1
Kansas City 9, Cleveland 0
Seattle 4, Baltimore 1
Tampa Bay 9, L.A. Angels 5
Boston 6, N.Y. Yankees 5
Toronto at Texas, ppd., rain
Detroit 2, Chicago White Sox 1
Minnesota 6, Oakland 3

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MBI	2	4
PTC	1	4
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F&B wins debut in TDHC caging

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The Food and Beverage Department of Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino drew first blood in the 8th TDHC Inter-Departmental Basketball Tournament that kicked off last Sunday at the TDHC staff house court.

F&B crushed Security/Rooms Department, 91-64, in one of the two games scheduled in the opening day. Casino Department was set to collide with Star/Housing/Rooms, but the second match was rescheduled.

After a close game in the first quarter, F&B started to seize control of the match in the second quarter and then pulled away in the third period to cruise to an easy win.

Security/Rooms kept F&B within striking distance, trailing by only three after the first period, 16-19. A 21-11 scoring run in the second period helped F&B widen the gap at halftime, 37-30.

Charlie Fernandez then drilled 11 of his 24 points in the third period, allowing F&B to pull away. F&B outscored Security/Rooms, again, in the third canto, 29-21, to take a double-digit lead, entering the final quarter, 66-51.

F&B preserved the lead and the win in the fourth period, as Security/Rooms failed to make headway, drawing contributions only from four players. Arlan Agader and Louie Malimban were the only two players from Security/Rooms to nail more than a field goal in the fourth with the former logging six points and the latter chipping in four. Johnny Ancheta made a basket, while Marlon Bercilla had only a free throw.

F&B outgunned Security/Rooms in the fourth, 22-13, with Fernandez picking up where he left off adding seven more points.

F&B 91 – Fernandez 24, Manalo 11, Pavino 10, Garcia 9, Mabansag 9, Flores 7, Gornes 6, Apostol 5, Hernandez 4, Orbigo 4, Marquez 2.

Security/Rooms 64 – Agader 19, Malimban 17, Del Rosario 6, Neypes 6, Sabugo 5, Ancheta 4, Estrada 4, Neypes 2, Bercilla 1.

Scoring by quarters: 19-16, 37-30, 66-51, 91-64.

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Tinin Dynasty Hotel & Casino general manager Tom Liu leads the ceremonial toss between F&B and Security/Rooms players during the opening of the 8th TDHC Inter-Departmental Basketball Tournament last Sunday at the TDHC staff house court.

8-ball comeback for Espiritu

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Billiards ace Roger "The Ghost" Espiritu won the Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Billiards Tournament last Saturday but not before going through the difficult route.

Espiritu breezed through the first two rounds of the weekly competition at the Garapan sport bar and watering hole.

He beat defending champion Bradley Demapan in the first round. Also winning their opening round matches were Senen Pangilinan (against Taylor Watanabe), Mark Butac (against Ton Mendiola), and Luis Fajardo (against Ghel Mark Cabrera).

The second round then saw Espiritu and Butac advance to the first semifinals after they respectively beat Fajardo and Pangilinan.

An overwhelming favorite against Butac in the semis, Espiritu however gave the latter control of the felt table when he missed a shot early. Butac took advantage of Espiritu's error and with ball in hand proceed to pocket his last three balls including the 8-ball for the win.

In a series of elimination matches to determine Espiritu's opponent for the second final's berth, Fajardo got the better of Demapan.

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Last week's Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Billiards Tournament champion Roger Espiritu is flanked by runners-up Luis Fajardo, left, and Mark Butac.

That was how far Fajardo would go in the tournament though, as Espiritu took a page out of Butac's win against him earlier when he ran down his three remaining balls plus the 8-ball after a scratch by Fajardo.

In Game 1 of the finals, Espiritu avenged his semis loss to Butac by running the table following a miss on this break by the latter.

With the championship within his grasp in Game 2, Espiritu pocketed the 8-ball along with Butac's ball that blocked the pocket to hoist the weekly title.

The victory was worth $60 for Espiritu, while Butac settled for the $20 runner-up purse.

The Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Billiards Tournament is held every Saturday and adopts a double-elimination format with a maximum of 16 players.

The entrance fee is $10 and the tournament uses the rules of the Billiards Congress of America. Practice is free between 7pm to 8pm on game day.

For more information on the Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Billiards Tournament, call Top Pool Bar manager Zheng Jian Qing at 287-7676.

CWGA June tournament this Saturday

The CNMI Women's Golf Association will hold its June tournament tomorrow, June 13, at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

According to the club's secretary Lorraine Babauta, show time is set at 12pm and tee time is scheduled an hour later at 1pm at the west course.

For more information, call Noriko Togawa at 287-0027, Lou Kim at 483-5255, Terry Tudela at 483-1761, Lorraine Babauta at 287-0621, and Bennet Seman at 483-0126.

Established in March 2007, CWGA is a nonprofit organization founded to promote, encourage, and introduce women to the sport of golf in the CNMI.

The organization intends to accomplish the following: 1. Promote civic and community interest in golf; 2. Establish and encourage competition and good sportsmanship; 3. Promote and provide social functions of the members and their families; 4. Promote youth golf activities; and 5. To do any or all things necessary and proper to accomplish its purpose and intention.

CWGA also commits its members to abide by a set of values that will further enrich a golfer's performance, attitude, and conduct-adopted form the USA Junior Golf Association.

The set of values members of CWGA are committed to faithfully are as follows: perseverance; sportsmanship; respect; honesty; judgment; responsibility; reliance; courtesy; and sincerity. ***(PR)***

NMIVA president Laurie Peterka is seen here serving in one of the tournaments sanctioned by the association. Beach volleyball action will heat up, anew this weekend with PIC teaming up with NMIFA in holding a four-person and doubles tournament.

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Beach volleyball weekend targets 30 teams

The organizer of the 11th PIC Seaside Grill Beach Volleyball Tournament is aiming to have 10 teams in each of the three divisions of this weekend's sand court action.

Lindsey Sosovec said the weekend tournament will have competitions in the four-person division, as well as the men's and women's doubles.

"Ideally, we are looking to have 10 teams in each divisions so we can have at least a double-elimination tournament. The format will really depends on the number of teams that will register," Sosovec said.

Today at 12pm is the last day for submission of entry forms and entrance fees. Registration fee for the four-person division is $15 per player with NMIVA members getting $5 discount. For the doubles, each player must pay $25 (non NMIVA members) or $20 for NMIVA members.

"We may have players for the weekend tournament from the same teams that are entered in the Miller Lite league. We have to wait for the league to finish and see who are in and who are not,"Sosovec said.

The 2009 Miller Lite/Monster Energy Drink 4-Person Beach Volleyball League played its playoff round last night with eight teams vying for the championship, namely Numa Numa, Hits for Brain, Hoof Hearted, UMESSUPUOUT, MHS One Heart, Plum Smugglers, Spankers, and Angry Red Dragon.

The weekend tournament will have the four-person division games tomorrow, while the men's and women's doubles will be played on Sunday. Matches in all divisions will start at 9am. In the four-person division, teams must have one female player on the sand court at all times.

For more information, contact Sosovec at 235-6231 extension 5147 or email at sportsmanager@picsaipan.com. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

Red Sox beat Yankees yet again, win 6-5

The Boston Red Sox improved to 7-0 this season against their arch rival New York by beating the Yankees 6-5 in the American League on Wednesday. **36**

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Falcons stun Rangers as playoffs start

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The Tanapag Falcons started the playoff round of the 2009 Budweiser Saipan Major League Baseball with a 12-7 upset of pennant champions Ford Rangers in Game 1 of their best-of-three series Wednesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The loss ended the Rangers' 13-game winning run, which started late February this year. The Rangers entered the playoffs with a 13-1 record, absorbing their lone loss at the hands of defending champion Rock Steady during the league's opening.

The defeat also put the Rangers in the brink of elimination. The pennant champion must win Game 2 on Monday to force a deciding Game 3 and keep their finals hope alive.

After an impressive regular season, the

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Falcons second baseman Ned Norita practices his swing while waiting for his turn at bat in the fifth inning of their playoff game against Ford Rangers in the 2009 Budweiser Saipan Major League Baseball Wednesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

G4S regains solo lead, Fiesta wins

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The Inaugural Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League resumed Wednesday night at the JP Center Basketball Court in Garapan with G4S and Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan holding off their foes' late rallies to pull off wins.

G4S prevented what could had been another humiliating loss, eking out a 75-74 victory over Micronesian Brokers, Inc., while Fiesta played steady in the closing minutes to thwart host Shirley's Coffee Shop, 112-105.

Coming off a shocking 63-91 defeat at

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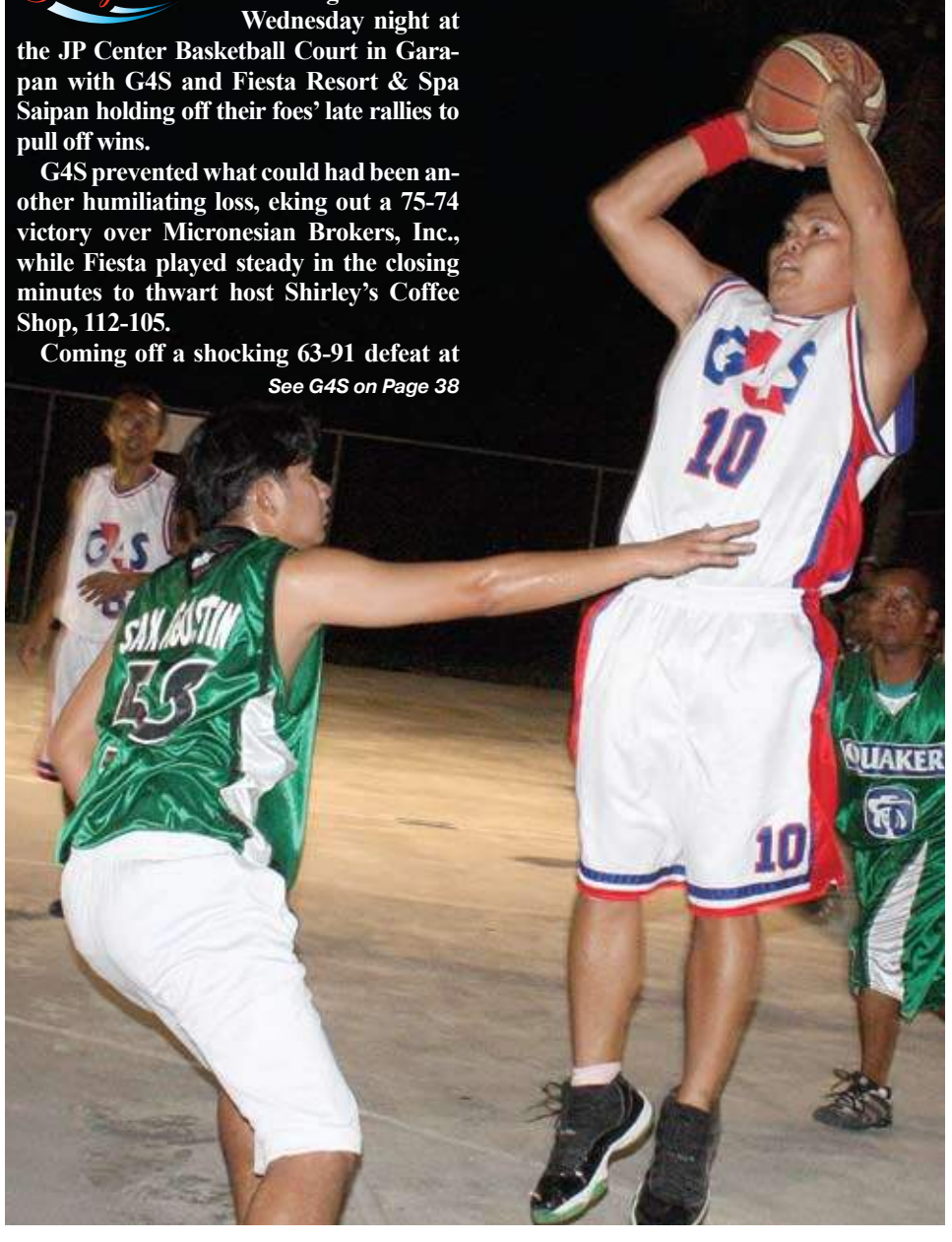

G4S' Junar Guiab, right, pulls up for a jumper against MBI's R.J. Nonato during their game in the Shirley's Coffee Shop caging Wednesday night at the JP Center Basketball Court in Garapan.

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120 expected for NMC Foundation Golf

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Organizers of the 7th Annual NMC Foundation Open Golf Tournament expect a full field to take part in the competition set for tomorrow at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

NMC Foundation president Ben Babauta said Wednesday that while 65 participants have so far signed up for the tournament, he expects the full complement of 120 golfers to hit the greens and fairways come tee time.

Showtime for tomorrow's tournament is set at 6am, while the shotgun start will be an hour later at 7am.

Babauta

Babauta said like other major tournaments on Saipan, the NMC Foundation Open will feature competition in various divisions—Championship Flight, A Flight, B Flight, C Flight, Ladies Flight, and Seniors Flight.

Top winners of each flight will win substantial cash prizes: $500 for first place, $300 for second place, and $200 for third place.

Hole-in-one prizes include $25,000 cash and a 2010 Mazda 3. There are also many raffle prizes like a complimentary rooms at hotels, restaurant gift certificates, rounds of golf, and other prizes.

In all, more than $90,000 worth of prizes are at stake in the tournament. The prizes include roundtrip tickets to Cairns, Manila, or Palau on Continental Airlines.

Babauta said the golf tournament is organized by the NMC Foundation, which is composed of community volunteers committed to elevating higher

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OFF THE BENCH

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Tournament time

June 1st is my favorite day of the year. No, not because it's my birthday which is really a day to loathe as it adds yet one more year to your life total and who wants to get old anyway? More importantly June 1st signals the start of summer, the time for vacations, tournaments, and travel.

The boys of Tinian and Luta ventured to Saipan last weekend to play for three district baseball championships. The combined runs scored were: Majors Division: Saipan 43, Rota 10, Tinian 2; Junior League: Saipan 33 Luta 0; Senior League: Saipan 31 Tinian 5.

No team from Tinian or Luta has beaten a Saipan team in the tournament's 12-year history. That begs the question: will a Little League team from Tinian or Luta beat the Saipan all-stars in your lifetime?

Theoretically, it is possible. Here's one scenario: a family moves to Tinian from California with two boys, all-star pitcher and catcher and they no-hit Saipan. They hit home runs and Tinian wins. (Catcher is second most important position behind pitcher in Little League baseball).

Well yeah, that probably ain't gonna happen. There are other scenarios but all of them are about as unlikely. Demographics rule. Luta only had three teams this season compared to 14 on Saipan, which means it's difficult to reach the same competitive level. The pool of talent is just too shallow.

That raises the question: should a team that is clearly overmatched travel to a tournament they know they won't win?

My answer: yes, go for it!

Tournaments are more than just games: they are representations of a people and place. The feeling of wearing a country's jersey is special. Every person I ever asked said they were proud and thrilled to wear the CNMI uniform in an international tournament. They become instant goodwill ambassadors.

The Saipan majors division all-stars will be heading to Taiwan for the Asia Pacific Regional tournament where they will meet stiff competition. For the record, Saipan has beaten Korea once and Japan once in the last 20 years. Japan now has its own qualifier but Taiwan and Korea remain major obstacles on the road to Williamsport. However, last year Guam upset everyone. We have a chance.

The boys, win or lose, will be better off for the experience. Having off-island tournaments strengthen the program and the players too.

In less than two weeks, Saipan will host the Oceania Basketball championships. Australia, New Zealand, New Caledonia, and Guam will be bringing their national teams. Australia is so dominant they are not bringing their Olympic team but rather a junior national team that will still be quite formidable.

It will be like David vs. Goliath. We are David without the slingshot. So what? All we can do is the best we can do.

The CNMI men's fastpitch softball team played the USA national team once in 1992 in the Philippines. They were best in the world but we lost by a very respectable score, 7-0. We managed only one hit, a single by Larry Tenorio. That was 17 years ago. But he remembers it like it was yesterday.

That's what tournaments do: provide memories that last a lifetime.